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Ministers angry at PM for keeping them in the dark on Hebron

DAVID MAKOVSKY and Iftim

THERE were renewed calls in the cabinet on Friday to have the impending Hebron redeployment accord brought before the full cabinet before it is initiated by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, but the premier rebuffed the appeals.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani led the drive, and this received backing from several other ministers.

Some of them complained about not being updated regarding the negotiations on Hebron. National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon said that if Shuhada Street, which runs through the Jewish quarter, is open to Arabs, Jews will not be able to live in Hebron safely. Sharon said there were five other routes the Arabs could use in the city to get to the market.

Sharon also called on the other ministers to refrain from making a wide-ranging commitment to fulfill the Oslo Accords as they are written, saying the previous government had made serious mistakes on matters vital to Israel, such as control of water resources. Sharon termed these errors "negligence bordering on national irresponsibility."

Netanyahu fended off the appeals of Kahalani and others on Friday, reminding the cabinet that several months ago they authorized a three-member panel to head negotiations with the Palestinians, and this could not be changed. The three members of the panel are Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Foreign Minister David Levy.

Netanyahu repeated that an agreement could have already been reached on Hebron had the Palestinian side wanted to do so. "The Palestinians thought they would wait until the US elections, then the Cairo conference, and now for the Lisbon conference, based on the delusion that these events will create pressure on Israel. Just as the US elections and the Cairo conference failed to create such pressure, neither will the Lisbon conference, and besides, no pressure will be useful in this situation," he said.

One cabinet level source said, "I think more than half the cabinet wants Netanyahu to bring the agreement to the cabinet first, threatening that otherwise they cannot vote for it. However, realistically speaking, bringing the draft to the cabinet first could mean the death of the agreement, as the ministers could call for changes unacceptable to the Palestinians."

Jews, Arabs clash in Hebron

No serious injuries reported

JON IMMANUEL and HERB KEINON

ISRAELI-ARAB clashes erupted in Hebron and in Bethlehem yesterday.

More than 100 settlers and Hebron Arabs clashed near the Avraham Avinu quarter last night, with settlers saying Palestinians tried to assault Jewish girls and made rude gestures. Palestinians said that settlers began attacking them for no reason.

Two Palestinians were hurt and eight arrested during the clash, which lasted for nearly an hour, eyewitnesses said. Three Jews also reportedly were arrested. They were released from jail late last night.

"They started hitting us and we had to defend ourselves," said Ala Khatib, 19, who was hurt in the hand.

The police were investigating the cause of the clash.

Hebron settlement spokesman Noam Arnon said that between 10 to 15 Palestinians attacked a group of Jewish youth. The Jews, he said, merely defended themselves. Among those injured in the fray was his 15-year-old son, who was struck in the forehead with a metal bar.

Samaria and Judea Police District spokesman Boaz Goldenberg said that a Palestinian complained to the police that he and his mother were beaten by 70 settlers.

The spokesman said that an initial investigation showed the background to the incident was complaints registered over the last few days that Jewish girls from the settlement were being harassed by



A Palestinian protester shouts slogans in Hebron yesterday during a demonstration calling on Israel to release Palestinian prisoners from its jails. (AP)

Arab youths at one of the entrances to Avraham Avinu. Goldenberg said Jews have complained that the girls have been cursed and subjected to obscene gestures.

Arnon said that this has been going on for weeks and that on Thursday night a 13-year-old girl had a necklace ripped off her neck. He also said that while the Jewish youth were filing a complaint for yesterday's attack in the Hebron police office, the officer taking down the information suddenly changed forms, warned them that they were being investigated, and then began asking them questions.

"If I wasn't there to see it, I wouldn't have believed it," Arnon said. "Before my eyes they went from being the accusers, to the accused."

Arnon charged that some officials "high up" in the Internal Security Ministry are trying to tarnish the image of the Hebron settlement, and suspected that this was why the Jews yesterday suddenly went from those filing a

PM, Arafat deny they will meet in Lisbon

PA leader repeats call for international arbitration

LAMIA LAHOUD and news agencies



TALKS over IDF redeployment in Hebron resumed last night amid denials that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat would meet this week in Lisbon.

Arafat denied yesterday that he plans to meet Netanyahu in Lisbon, where they both will be attending the Organization of Cooperation and Security in Europe session. Such a meeting, he said, would take place only when tangible progress is made in the negotiations on Hebron.

Officials in Jerusalem also said last night that a meeting between the two is not expected in Lisbon.

Netanyahu said during the cabinet meeting on Friday that if the Palestinians hoped to use the

Bridge by Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti, whom he updated on the stalled talks over Hebron.

"No practical and tangible progress is being made on the ground because of the rejection by the Israeli side to implement what has been agreed," Arafat said.

Arafat said the Israeli negotiating team "wanted to change a number of key articles in the Hebron accord, which is what the Palestinian side rejects."

However, a Palestinian negotiator said over the weekend that progress has been made in the negotiations.

Maj.-Gen. Abdel Razak Yahya, who heads the Palestinian Security Liaison Committee and is the Palestinian negotiator responsible for security aspects of the agreement, said that after intense talks at the end of last week the Palestinians presented the Israelis with some new ideas for compromise.

He said if Israel accepts the Palestinian proposals then an agreement may be reached at the beginning of this week. Last

Netanyahu, Mubarak clash over settlements

News agencies



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro review an honor guard in Cairo yesterday. (Reuters)

CAIRO - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak declared yesterday that despite their peace treaty, he could not force his country to normalize relations with Israel.

"We can't order any free citizen to deal with Israel, because he will say 'No, I'm not convinced,'" Mubarak said after meeting Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro.

The Egyptian leader said there were joint projects between the states, but that they have become rarer because of Israel's refusal to withdraw from Hebron.

At the news conference, Scalfaro declared that Italy and Europe are firmly behind the peace process.

Mubarak has warned Israel that new or expanded settlements could spell an end to Arab-Israeli peace treaties, a newspaper reported Friday.

Mubarak sent a message to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying that the settlements will "destroy trust between Israel and its Arab neighbors and encourage breaking the peace agreements," Egypt's Al-Ahram newspaper said.

The Arab League has called an emergency meeting in Cairo today

to discuss Israel's plans for settlement expansion. (Story, Page 2)

The meeting of the 22 members was called by the Palestinians, said Tahaat Hamed, a spokesman for the Cairo-based league.

Netanyahu said on Friday that he had sent a letter to Mubarak defending Israel's settlement policy.

Asked by Channel 1 if Mubarak had warned him the establishment of new settlements would harm Israel's peace accord with Egypt, Netanyahu said:

"I received a message, a letter from President Mubarak. I sent him a letter in return. In his letter he really expressed their concern over our settlement policy."

"There was no threat, but I can say that I clarified to President Mubarak that our policy on our right to settle and to build the existing settlements is a policy that is in line with peace."

Netanyahu plans to visit Russia early next year

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to visit Russia in early 1997, and will receive an official invitation from Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin tomorrow in Lisbon.

Netanyahu is flying to Portugal this evening where he will be attending the Organization of Cooperation and Security in Europe (OSCE) session, which will be attended by several world leaders.

From Lisbon, Netanyahu will hold talks with officials in Madrid on Tuesday and Dublin on Wednesday before returning home that evening. Ireland currently holds the rotating presidency of the European Union.

The exact timing of Netanyahu's first visit to Russia as prime minister, sources say, depends upon the health of President Boris Yeltsin as

the Middle East as a forum for regular security and economic consultations. British Foreign Minister Malcolm Rifkind declared an interest in establishing an OSCE for the Middle East during his visit to the region several weeks ago. Netanyahu foreign policy adviser Dr. Dore Gold traveled to London last week amid hope this could be raised in Lisbon.

However, with the exception of Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, who has publicly favored the idea, Arab leaders have told Rifkind that the idea of an OSCE is premature as long as the Middle East peace process has not been concluded.

Some Arabs are believed to think this could also undercut the influence of the Arab League. Egyptian officials publicly called the idea "futuristic."

Brothers, 6 and 9, drown in hotel pool

TWO young brothers who did not know how to swim drowned yesterday in an indoor swimming pool at the Galei Sanz Hotel in Netanya.

The boys, aged six and nine, entered the pool unsupervised after telling their parents they were going to wander around the hotel.

At 1:30 p.m. the boys entered the area of the hotel's 1.2 meter-deep pool, adjacent to a sauna. A sign at the pool read that children under age 12 were not allowed to enter without parents. The boys opened the door to the pool area and entered the pool.

A short time later, a hotel guest entered the area and found them floating dead in the water. The guest alerted Magen David Adom, whose personnel arrived and tried to resuscitate them. A doctor, however, declared them dead at the scene.

Police also arrived and began investigating the incident. The hotel manager and the shift manager were to be questioned at Netanya police headquarters last night.

The hotel management is suspected of negligence in the case, police said, since the door to the pool was left open although the pool was not to be in use.

The boys will be buried today in Jerusalem. (Iftim)

WITH a bow to the realities of American Jewish life, Santa is cooking fa-la-la-las.

With this mix of Christian jingles and Jewish food, Santa is on what would otherwise be called a Christmas card - one that recognizes intermarriage.

The intermarried have long been pariahs in the traditional greeting

card world, setting for parve holiday messages, like "Season's Greetings" devoid of any symbols. In the last decade, though, card-makers have tapped a rich vein in the American market, where Jews have a 52 percent intermarriage rate.

The trailblazer was Elise Okrend, who was working at a New York City ad agency eight years ago and drew a seasonal card for a friend - a line drawing of a Christmas tree merging into a Star of David. With that, Phil and Elise Okrend, a Jewish couple from New York, realized they were on to something.

The market is not enormous, but it is significant," Phil Okrend said. Their company, Mixed Blessing, sold 200,000 cards last year. It once had the field to itself, but now it has imitators, such as the giant Hallmark Cards.

These specialty cards run the gamut from sentimental to humorous - like a menorah draped with Christmas lights, or Santa on ice skates carving a Star of David in the famous rink at New York's Rockefeller Center. Most, though, fall somewhere in the middle.

greeting card, that's absurd."

The Okrends alone now have about 35 designs. "It's been going pretty strong, and we have a faithful following," Okrend says.

Mixed Blessing, meanwhile, is branching out with a children's book about one of Santa's reindeer who loves Jewish cooking. It's called *Blintzes for Blitzen*.

GASOLINE prices dropped as of today. The price of 96 octane gasoline went down 1.6 percent to NIS 3.02 per liter, from NIS 3.07. Unleaded 95 octane gasoline is now NIS 2.92 per liter, down 2% from NIS 2.98.

Industrial fuel prices also changed, ranging from a 7.3% drop to a 3.1% rise. (Iftim)

Intermarriage in the cards for US Jewry

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Sarid: Left should hold open primary for premier candidate

MERETZ leader Yossi Sarid has suggested the entire left-wing camp hold open primary elections for a joint candidate for the premiership.

Sarid stated this view both on Channel 1's *Game of the Week* and on Israel Radio over the weekend following the Labor Party's Central Committee conference on Thursday.

Sarid strongly criticized Labor MK Ehud Barak, saying he had come out of the conference with the upper hand while representing "old and tired diplomatic plans whose time has passed, like the expanded Allon plan."

He said under the current conditions he favored open primary elections because "common sense dictates that if the candidate for prime minister is the candidate for the whole camp, then the whole camp should elect him."

He called on Labor to seriously consider the proposal and noted that he sees himself as one of the candidates.

He warned that if the ideological gap between the Labor candidate and Meretz is too large, Meretz might present its own candidate for prime minister.

He also rejected talk of a Likud-led national unity government, saying it is not feasible and would be "terrible, in

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our opinion." He accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of raising the issue from time to time to scare his coalition partners while neutralizing the opposition.

"How can a fighting opposition exist if it is always waiting for a phone call from Bibi [Netanyahu]? Netanyahu doesn't want to and can't establish a Likud-led national unity government," Sarid said.

Coalition and Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan, however, is calling on all coalition members to seriously consider the possible conditions for a national unity government.

Eitan's request comes in the light of clear statements from the Labor Party that under certain conditions it would agree to join the government.

Eitan said the faction heads of several parties in the government had expressed approval of such a step. They reportedly are the heads of Shas, the National Religious Party and the Third Way.

"In view of the expected discussions on the permanent

arrangements, a wide base is necessary both to carry out concessions and to say no to the Arabs when necessary," Eitan said.

Labor Party leader Shimon Peres confirmed Friday that there were informal contacts going on between Likud and Labor party figures regarding the establishment of a national unity government. However, he said they had not yet developed into formal contacts, although he expressed optimism about the possibility of establishing a unity government.

Meanwhile, MK Michael Kleiner (Gesher-Likud), who has consistently said he would vote against the IDF redeployment in Hebron if the topic is brought to the Knesset for approval, has blasted the reported concessions by the government on the question of IDF pursuit of terrorists in the city.

"As the rate that this government is giving in, we'll soon be talking about the right of Palestinian soldiers to carry out hot pursuit in the Israeli autonomous areas," Kleiner said.

Kleiner said the government had given in to pressure by the Palestinians, who reject every proposed compromise.

Itim contributed to this report

Islamic Jihad prisoner asks court for right to see lawyer

EVELYN GORDON

THE General Security Service has arrested and is questioning an Islamic Jihad terrorist, a petition to the High Court of Justice revealed on Friday.

Attorney Lea Tsemel filed the petition on behalf of Ataf Abu Sirhan, who was arrested on November 20. Since his arrest, Abu Sirhan has been prevented from seeing a lawyer, and Tsemel asked the court to remove this ban. She also charged that he was being shaken and otherwise tortured by his interrogators.

Tsemel argued that there were no criteria for when people could be prevented from seeing an attorney, and that such orders were issued even against people who were later released without being charged.

"Preventing meetings with a lawyer is almost automatic [with the GSS]," she charged.

Government attorney Michael Blass refuted this, noting that of 26 people currently being held by the GSS, only seven have been prevented from seeing their lawyers. He also denied that Abu Sirhan was being shaken, but said he was being interrogated for long hours, and sometimes

subjected to having a sack placed over his head and being forced to listen to very loud music in order to keep him from seeing or conversing with other internees in the waiting room at the time.

According to the GSS's information, Blass added, Abu Sirhan "is involved in hostile terrorist activities within the framework of the Islamic Jihad" and allowing him to see a lawyer at this time could disrupt an important investigation.

After examining the classified evidence, Justices Aharon Barak, Eliahu Mazza and Michael Cheshin ruled that the order preventing Abu Sirhan from meeting his lawyer was justified for the time being. However, they noted, the current order is due to expire on Monday, if it is extended beyond that date, they said, they will reconsider their decision.

The justices declined to discuss the GSS's methods of interrogation at Friday's hearing, merely recording Blass's statement that Abu Sirhan was not being shaken. However, they said, they will take up this issue at a second hearing later this week.

Syria to ask Arab League to freeze normalization with Israel

News agencies

SYRIA is to ask the Arab League to freeze normalization of ties with Israel, during a meeting of the group in Cairo today, the Syrian ambassador to Egypt said Friday.

Syria will distribute a memorandum asking the league members to implement the decision taken in June at the Arab summit linking continued normalization with Israel to progress in the peace process, the ambassador told Egypt's official news service MENA.

"Israel's actions force the Arabs to boycott it, and to stop the work of the multilateral peace talks groups, and to close the representative offices Israel opened in several Arab states," he added.

An emergency meeting of the league's council was called to discuss Israel's expansion of settlements, a Palestinian official said on Friday.

"Palestine requested the meeting to put in front of the Arab countries the danger of the settlement issue," Mohammed Subeih, the Palestine representative to league.

Subeih said the meeting would be on the level of permanent representatives or ambassadors to the Arab League.

Yesterday Syria brushed aside Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's statement that peace talks would resume shortly.

Netanyahu said Friday that "it is a fact that we will also begin negotiations with the Syrians soon."

"Netanyahu... was about to define a date and place for the resumption of peace talks at a time he is... still practicing a policy that contradicts any peaceful concept," said the *Al-Jazeera* government daily. "He is trying to give a very different picture of reality and to distract the world's attention."

Asked in the interview with Channel 1 on Friday when the talks with Syria would resume, Netanyahu hinted that it could take some months. "It is self-evident that we are in the final months of a gradual process leading to meetings instead of public confrontation."

"I think they [the Syrians] understand that these negotiations will be conducted differently," Netanyahu told Channel 1, "and I'm not impressed by the criticism at home or abroad. We will move forward to peace in a way that will really bring us peace, not an illusion of peace."

PM's adviser's appointment slammed

Labor faction head MK Ra'anan Cohen called for an urgent meeting of the State Controller's Committee to discuss Prof. Yisrael Hanukugu's recent appointment as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's science and technology adviser. The director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, State Controller and Civil Service Commissioner should discuss the "peculiar" appointment process for advisers to the premier this week, he said.

"This time Netanyahu is taking chances with the state's security with an adviser who was declared unfit by two universities, an adviser who was active in the clandestine *Zo Arzeanu* movement, and [whose] declarations have racist undertones. If people like these advise Netanyahu, I am fearful for the state's future," he said.

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The Family



Sunbathers enjoy near-30° weather on the beaches of Tel Aviv yesterday.

(Reuters)

UN's 'Question of Palestine' debate reminiscent of peak of Arab-Israeli conflict

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

AS the UN began its annual debate on the "question of Palestine" on Friday, Israel faced a series of resolutions in the General Assembly that were reminiscent of the height of the Arab-Israeli conflict and that were preceded by charges that Israel had a "culture of sadism."

The Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices issued a report last week charging that human rights had deteriorated since the beginning of the peace process. A principal cause was the closure of the territories in the wake of four suicide bombings in Israel, in which hundreds had been wounded and 63 were killed, said the head of the special committee, Hernan Leonard de Silva of Sri Lanka.

Palestinians suspected of committing offenses had been beaten by civilians, soldiers and policemen, indicating "a culture of sadism," de Silva said.

The committee found it distressing to come before the assembly every year with a report that sounded like "a dirge at a never-ending funeral," he said.

Yael Rubinstein, of the Israeli Mission to the UN, challenged both the report and the committee. The report had not mentioned the Israeli citizens murdered by Palestinian suicide

bombers, she said. "The world was horrified, and this committee disappeared," she said, repeating Israel's oft-stated position that the committee's report was an example of needless involvement by outside actors and that unnecessary political resolutions did nothing to create dialogue and progress for peace in the Middle East.

The draft resolutions are being considered by the General Assembly, where they are expected to pass. Israel and the US stood virtually alone in opposing these resolutions in UN committees.

Most of the resolutions are not new, and have little or no practical impact. But, in reviving harsh language, they appear to illustrate a growing anti-Israel sentiment.

However, several proposals Palestinian "innovations" to the resolutions were deleted, according to the Israeli Mission. These include the PLO Mission's efforts to have settlements termed "colonial," and to seek UN endorsement for Palestinian statehood alongside self-determination.

The resolutions would:

- demand the complete cessation of all Israeli settlement activities, including in Jerusalem, and would call on Israel to prevent illegal acts of violence by Israeli settlers and to guarantee the safety of the Palestinian civilians in the "occupied territory";

- call for an immediate end to the closure of the occupied territories and the assurance of the freedom of movement within the Palestinian territory;

- call upon Israel to accelerate the release of all Palestinians "arbitrarily" detained or imprisoned;

- reaffirm the right of all persons displaced as a result of the June 1967 war and subsequent hostilities to return to their homes or former places of residence in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967; and,

- reaffirm Palestine Arab refugees' entitlement to their property and to income derived from that property.

Another resolution, also opposed by Israel and the US, would seek to transfer UNRWA headquarters to Gaza, and would call on Israel to compensate the UNRWA for damages to its property and facilities resulting from Israeli actions.

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riots in late September. Nobody was reported injured.

Fatah officials said the decision to hold a march yesterday in Bethlehem and other major Palestinian towns on the West Bank - including Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin, Kalkilya and Hebron - stemmed from a message they had received from prisoners via lawyers that they planned a hunger strike to protest indifference to their conditions.

"There is an escalation inside the jails. These people are now desperate. They need our help and our efforts," said Nafez Rifai, a member of the Fatah Higher Committee in Bethlehem who attended the rally there.

Rifai said there was a link between the growing number of protests in the past two weeks over settlements and prisoners and frustration with the way the Hebron talks are going.

"I think the prisoners' conditions was the main motive for yesterday's march, but I cannot isolate the whole situation from the prisoners' conditions," he said.

In Hebron, verbal confrontations between Israelis and Arabs during the past week had risen considerably over previous weeks, local journalists said.

There is also a sense that the government's policies are giving Palestinians the international support they lacked when they protested Israeli foot-dragging on the Oslo accords under the Labor government.

"Personally I feel the Netanyahu government has helped the Palestinians. We know that many Israelis, Europeans, Americans and the Arabs support us," Rifai said.

In a meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Bethlehem four days ago, the local Fatah branch urged Arafat to accept "no modification of the Hebron agreement."

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2 Hizbullah gunmen reported killed

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IDF forces killed two gunmen in a clash on the edge of the security zone yesterday, SLA sources said.

An IDF force fired at the gunmen in Jabal al-Rafii, a rugged mountain area controlled by Hizbullah fighters, on the edge of the zone, the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia sources said.

"The Israeli force spotted four guerrillas in Jabal al-Rafii and fired at them and they fired back. Two guerrillas were killed," one source said.

IDF artillery also hit Jabal al-Rafii and IAF helicopter gunships flew over the area after the exchanges of fire, the sources added.

Hizbullah confirmed the attack but did not say whether there were

any casualties. Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri said in remarks published on Friday that Israel was going to prepare for a military operation threatening the Middle East peace process.

"I warn that Israel will pave the ground for a military adventure...that will lead to fuhring the whole peace process," Berri said in a speech.

Lebanon and Syria are directly concerned with confronting any aggression. This dictates increasing the cooperation in coordination at all levels because any Israeli aggression will aim for a strategic blow...to drive a wedge in the two countries' relations," he said in remarks carried by the official National News Agency.

Policeman struck and killed by van

ALON Marcus, a 32-year-old policeman from Or Yehuda, was struck and killed by a van early Friday morning on the Or Yehuda-Tel Aviv road.

Marcus was walking to work at 6 a.m., from his home in Or Yehuda's Neveh Savyon neighborhood to the nearby Messubim police station where he served.

While he was standing on a traffic island, a van suddenly swerved out of its lane, came up on the island, struck and killed Marcus.

The van's 22-year-old driver, from Tel Aviv, was arrested. Police suspect he fell asleep at the wheel.

Marcus had served for three-and-a-half years at the police station. He is survived by his pregnant wife and two other children.

In other weekend accidents, a 36-year-old Romanian worker

was the victim of a hit-and-run driver early yesterday morning. The man was crossing the Coastal Highway near the Havazelet Hasharon junction on his bicycle when he was struck and killed by the car. Police are seeking witnesses to the accident.

On Friday, an elderly woman was killed when she was hit by a car in Rehovot while crossing the street.

A 70-year-old woman was seriously injured the same day when she was hit by a truck "while crossing the street in" Holon. Police arrested the driver of the truck.

35-year-old Holon man who apparently did not yield the right of way to the woman.

On Friday evening, six people were hurt, two seriously, when three cars collided on Shifaram-Nazareth road. (It

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Ticket sales for the 60th Jubilee Festival in December 1996 continues

Rescue mission to Zaire hit by local politics

GOMA, Zaire (Reuters) - Zairean rebels yesterday set tough conditions for any multinational military force to help refugees in eastern Zaire and aid workers said the force could swing into action only after negotiations with Kinshasa.

Ambassadors from 14 countries gave the green light for the Canadian-led force at a meeting in Ottawa on Friday, but the organizers have not yet chosen whether to opt for airdrops or for deploying ground troops to escort aid convoys.

More than 20 countries - including the US, France, Britain, Belgium, Senegal and South Africa - will contribute to the mission, which will more likely comprise 1,000 or 2,000 troops than the 10,000 originally planned.

The aim is to find and rescue up to 600,000 people adrift in the area, mostly Rwandan refugees and displaced Zaireans. They include some of the Rwandan Hutu militia responsible for massacring up to one million people in Rwanda in 1994.

But rebel leader Laurent Kabila, whose forces took a swath of territory along Zaire's borders with Rwanda and Burundi in October,

said at a news conference near the town of Goma that any multinational intervention would have to be extremely limited.

Kabila met the Canadian commander of the force, Lt.-Gen. Maurice Baril, in Goma on Thursday.

"We [Baril and I] agreed that they can only send a small group of soldiers, not more than five, who would be specialists. Their duties would be to coordinate airdrops," he said.

"But they cannot drop food, because it will feed the enemy," he said, sitting on a pink and gold striped sofa in what used to be the palace of Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko.

"We will allow them to drop food if we are informed of a big concentration of refugees, but it is a stupid idea," he added.

Kabila also gave details of towns the rebels hold, including Butembo and Lubero to the north of Goma, but he said Walikale, located 150 km. to the west of Goma, was "giving us problems."

Rebel-held territory now extends for about 400 km., from Butembo in the north to the shores

of Lake Tanganyika in the south.

Close to the northern limit of the rebel zone, the Ugandan army entered Zaire on Thursday and seized the town of Kasindi and parts of the Virunga hills, the Ugandan government newspaper *New Vision* said yesterday.

In the Rwandan capital Kigali, aid workers again insisted that deploying ground troops would be more effective than airdrops and said the force could not move without approval from the Zairean government in distant Kinshasa.

"It is clear that they [the force] have to get Kinshasa's okay and if they don't, they can't do airdrops and maybe they won't do anything at all," a senior aid worker said.

Up to 600,000 Rwandan Hutus have returned home, mainly from Goma camps, since November 15, but debate continues over the number and location of those still missing and how to help them.

The rebels deny there are large numbers of refugees left to feed, and Kabila said military intervention was politically motivated - "a pretext to assist the ruler of this country."

EU parliament agrees to summertime pl.

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Parliament backed plans last week to have the entire European Union change to summertime on the same day to end the disruption caused when some states are out of phase with the rest.

The lack of coordination wreaks havoc with international plane and train timetables and cross-border trade in vital sectors like telecommunications.

The parliament agreed with the European Commission that in the future, summertime should begin on the last Sunday in March and end on the last Sunday in October. It accepted that it would not be feasible to set a standard time in a bloc that already stretches from Dublin to Athens, but sought a new rule making the time difference between neighboring countries no more than one hour.

Transport Commissioner Neil Kinnock told the parliament on Wednesday the Commission could not accept this because the decision lay with individual member states. But he agreed that French Prime Minister Alain Juppe's plans to abolish summertime altogether in France would, by putting the country out of step with its neighbors, cause the same negative results as uncoordinated summertime arrangements.

Sierra Leoneans sign peace accord ending civil war

THE Sierra Leone government and rebels signed a comprehensive peace accord at a public ceremony in the Ivory Coast yesterday to end nearly six years of civil war that have killed at least 10,000 people.

President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah shook hands and embraced Foday Sankoh, leader of the Revolutionary United Front, after they signed the accord, witnessed by Ivory Coast President Henri Konan Bedie.

Officials involved in the negotiations said the deal followed a last-minute compromise over RUF's insistence on the departure of foreign forces helping the government army.

Tejan Kabbah, who won elections last March and pursued talks with RUF, said the accord had ended "a tortuous period for the people of Sierra Leone."

"In effect the war has ended. As from now RUF has ceased to be an enemy of Sierra Leone," he said. "Our common enemy is poverty,

hunger, disease, ignorance, greed and envy."

Sankoh, also reading from a prepared text, said RUF took up arms to combat corruption and mismanagement.

"Today the battlefield has changed and the bullet has been replaced by the ballot," Sankoh said.

But he added a warning that his movement, which is to be transformed into a political party, would not compromise on accountability in government.

"The slogan now is leadership, governance and democracy. If leadership fails, the people will take up arms again," he said.

Bedie said the accord did the whole of Africa proud.

"The signing of this accord has considerable significance. It is proof that Africa is capable of

resolving its problems," he said.

The peace talks, held under Ivory Coast mediation since May, stalled for sometime when RUF insisted that Nigerian and Guinean troops and South African mercenaries first leave Sierra Leone.

The officials said under the accord the foreign forces would start leaving when international monitors start taking positions in Sierra Leone. Details of the monitoring are to be worked out through a joint technical committee.

Sankoh, who took up arms in 1991, returned to the Ivory Coast from Sierra Leone on Wednesday after talks with his fighters in the bush, during which he sought a mandate to sign.

Sierra Leone had been expecting the signing. State radio there said on Thursday that the government was calling for national celebrations to welcome the return of peace. (Reuters)

100,000 protest against Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - Amid boing and jeering, a crowd estimated at more than 100,000 yesterday hurled eggs and firecrackers at City Hall and state TV buildings to vent their anger at Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

Yesterday's demonstrations began when about 15,000 students took to the streets to protest Milosevic's rule, saying they are fighting for their future.

Chanting "victory, victory," many demonstrators carried flowers to symbolize the peaceful nature of their protest, apparently heeding opposition leaders who appealed for restraint.

"This is the fight for democracy and our future," said Milica Panic, a 23-year-old law student, as she joined a long column of youths marching through the Serbian capital. "It is not just a fight for election results."

Students and other opposition supporters have been protesting for the past 13 days, demanding that Milosevic recognize an opposition victory at local elections in Belgrade and other major Serbian cities.

Milosevic and his ruling Socialists have annulled initial results from November 17, repeated the vote and then announced their own victory in Belgrade and Serbia's second-largest city, Nis.

The move has triggered the

largest protests Milosevic has faced since he rose to power in 1987. Over 100,000 Belgraders have been gathering in the streets demanding Milosevic's resignation.

On Friday, tens of thousands chanting "Let's Go, All Out Attack!" marched on Belgrade streets, pelting Milosevic's offices with red paint and eggs.

They later gathered at a main city square in the biggest and most emotional rally so far and jeered and booed for more than 10 minutes at every mention of Milosevic's name.

According to independent statistics, over 200,000 young people have left Serbia since Milosevic rose to power and supported wars in Croatia and Bosnia before publicly supporting peace in the Balkans.

Many left because they did not want to fight, but many also went searching for a better future in Western economies. Serbia's economy still is reminiscent of the Communist era. It has been devastated by mismanagement, corruption and economic sanctions imposed on the country.

Milosevic so far has completely ignored the protests and chosen not to use force as he did twice in the past. The state-run media under his control have barely mentioned the protests - except to denounce scattered violence - and report instead on mundane political routine.

Chernobyl reactor shut off for good, but another to be restarted

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) - The energy-starved Ukraine began the shutdown of a reactor at Chernobyl yesterday, but immediately announced plans to restart another reactor at the world's most notorious nuclear power plant.

Ukraine's move clouded prospects for the final closure of Chernobyl, long awaited by Western governments and environmentalists eager to close the book on the site of history's worst nuclear disaster 10 years ago.

The closure of reactor No. 1 has sent Ukrainian officials scrambling to find other sources of electricity for the nation.

The country's Nuclear Energy Committee, citing Ukraine's energy crisis, announced plans to temporarily restart the plant's reactor No. 2 at the end of next year.

That reactor has been idle since a massive fire in 1992, and President Leonid Kuchma has repeatedly insisted that it not be restarted.

A committee spokesman would not say how long the reactor would function, but stressed the

decision "does not mean that Ukraine is backing away from its international commitments" to close Chernobyl.

Meanwhile, Chernobyl's 19-year-old reactor No. 1 was gradually reduced to 50 percent power by the early afternoon, said Yuri Neritin, duty officer at the plant.

Neritin said the shutdown of the 1000-watt Soviet-designed RBMK reactor was proceeding smoothly and was due to be completed by midnight.

Chernobyl's only other working reactor, No. 3, is scheduled to be shut down in 1999, completing the plant's closure.

Chernobyl's reactor No. 4 exploded during an April 26, 1986, test, spewing radioactive dust across much of Europe. At least 31 people were killed in the blast's immediate aftermath.

Thousands, mostly early cleanup workers, are believed to have died since from radiation-related sicknesses. Millions in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia still live on contaminated land.

Pressure mounts on Africans to discard Boutros-Ghali

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters) - Pressure was increasing on African states on Friday to end their defiance of a US veto against Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and come up with other candidates for the post.

So far the Security Council, which met on the issue on Friday, has been deadlocked since November 19 when the United States cast the sole negative vote in the 15-member body. Boutros-Ghali's five-year term expires on Dec. 31.

Members, however, said they were asking Cameroon, which holds the presidency of the Organization of African Unity, to decide soon if it states would stick to Boutros-Ghali in light of the US veto or submit other names. The message would be delivered to Cameroon's UN delegation.

The council previously agreed to give priority to candidates from Africa on the grounds that if Boutros-Ghali is denied the second term given to his predecessors, he should at least be followed by another African.

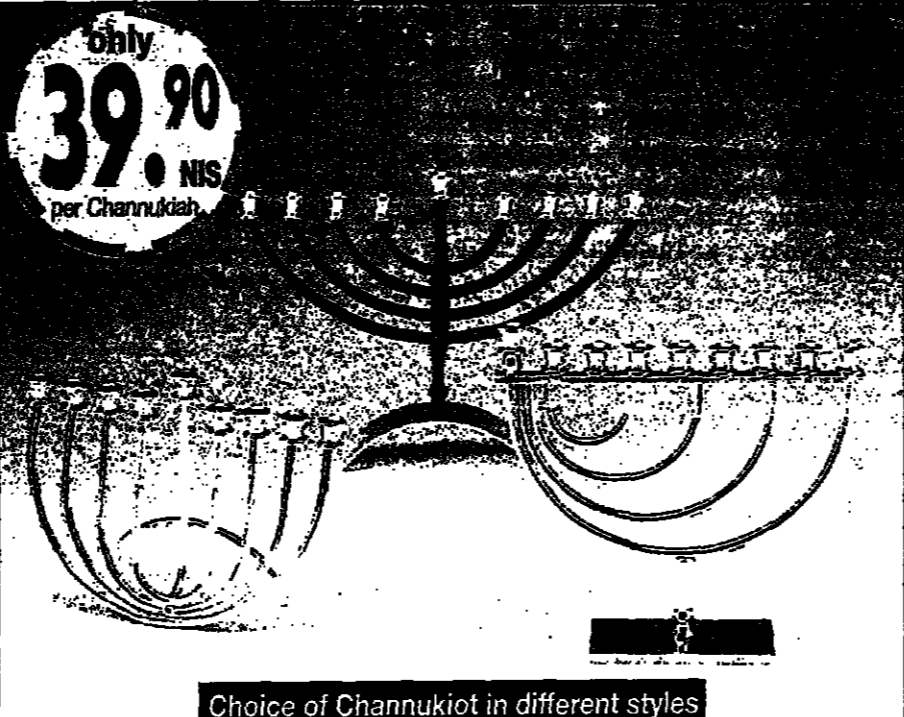
Security Council President Nugroho Wisnumurti of Indonesia said the council had three options: to wait until the Organization of African Unity was ready with a list; to open the door for individual Africans to submit names while waiting for the OAU; and to open the door for non-African states to submit the name of an African candidate.

Wisnumurti will be replaced as council president tomorrow by Francesco Paolo Fulci of Italy, whose government is pushing for a compromise of keeping Boutros-Ghali in office for about two years.

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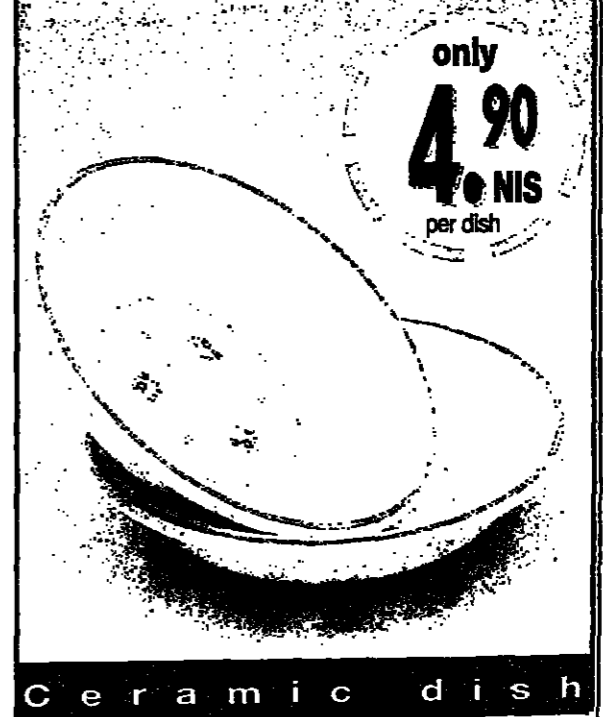
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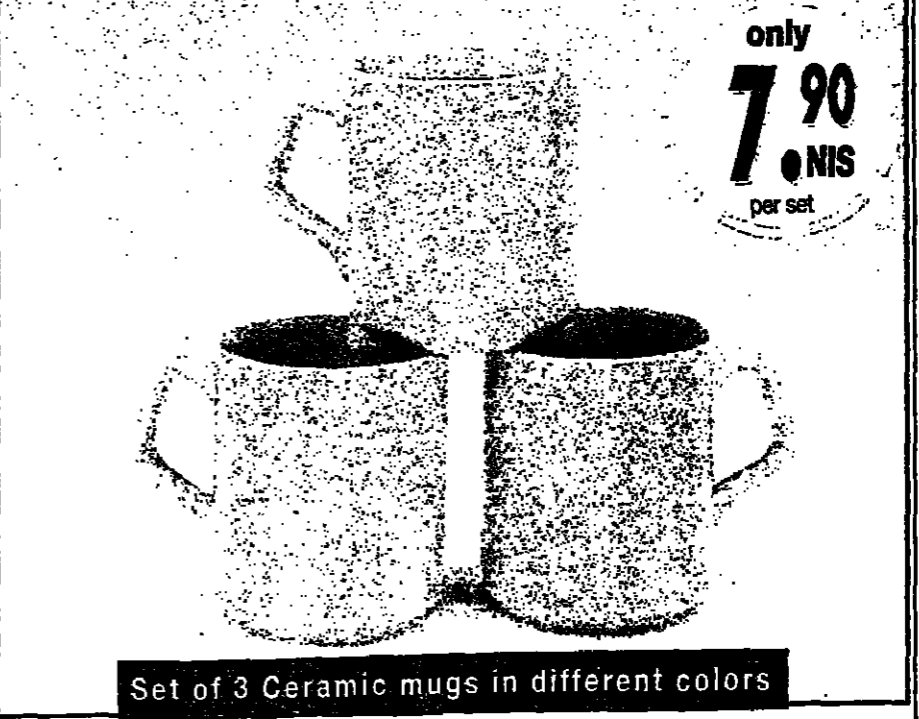
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Last roadblocks come down as truckers' strike ends in France

PARIS (AP) - Truck drivers yesterday dismantled the last roadblock of the hundreds that had paralyzed French highways after reaching agreement with owners to end the 12-day crippling strike.

Despite Friday's accords, officials said it would take several days to restock thousands of gas stations that ran dry during the strike and for inventories to recover.

But authorities in the southern city of Marseille said fuel supplies were quickly replenished and traffic had returned to normal, though the city had virtually run out of gas a few days earlier.

The last barricade, around a fuel depot near the western port city of La Rochelle, came down around 11:45 a.m.

Most of the roadblocks truckers had formed with their rigs and cracking bonfires already had disappeared by dawn yesterday. As many as 250 existed earlier in the week, wreaking havoc for motorists, foreign truckers and bus-

nesses.

Some roads remained closed to allow cleanup crews to clear the barricade debris, authorities said.

French authorities lifted the usual weekend ban on truck traffic on major highways yesterday and today to allow bottlenecks to ease.

On Friday, trucking unions and owners signed accords allowing early retirement at 55 after working a minimum of 25 years, a 3,000-franc bonus and sick pay payments after five instead of 10 days.

Unions were unable to secure hefty pay raises. But truckers stand to see their salaries rise an average 15 percent after a full agreement on work hours is reached, union sources said.

Both sides agreed to hammer out a plan by December 15. At issue are the hours spent waiting for loading and unloading - time the owners had refused to pay for.

Some major unions were unsatisfied with the pay agreement.

Alain Renault, transport chief for the powerful Communist-led General Labor Confederation, said there had been "no progress" on a meaningful pay raise despite the year-end bonus.

Another key union, Workers Force, said it objected to that deal because employers refused to make the bonus renewable.

But unions were unable to maintain the walkout as the rank and file grew weary. Truckers, heartened by the accords and further motivated by wintry weather, dismantled most of the barricades. A few popped champagne bottles and cheered outside their parked trucks.

Late Friday, French truckers lifted their blockade at the entrance to the Calais ferry terminal on the English Channel, where boats leave for Britain. It had been kept shut since last Sunday night, stranding hundreds of foreign truckers, and lifted only briefly on Thursday.



The Duke of York hands over the Royal Warrant for safekeeping for the Stone of Scone in the Great Hall in Edinburgh Castle yesterday.

British change lifestyle habits

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain has become a nation of smaller households, with more single-parent families and working mothers, according to a nationwide survey published last week.

People are also better educated than they were 25 years ago and more own their own homes.

The General Household Survey by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) showed the standard of living has increased in the quarter century since the poll began, with more people owning consumer goods ranging from CD players to microwave ovens and video recorders.

The survey compiled responses from about 18,000 adults from 10,000 households questioned between April 1995 and March 1996. It showed that the mean household size has declined steadily from 2.91 people in 1971 to 2.4 people in 1995.

Married or cohabiting couples with no dependent children accounted for 36 percent of the population while people living alone rose from 17 percent in 1971 to 28 percent last year. A total of 24 percent of those questioned were couples with dependent children.

"The proportion of families with dependent children headed by lone parents increased threefold (8 to 22%) between 1971 and 1995. Over the same period the proportion headed by single (never married) mothers rose from 1% to 8%," the ONS said.

The survey also indicated the economic pressures on many families, with a threefold increase in the number of working women with children under five years old, up from 5% in 1983 to 16% last year.

For most women, the pill was the favored method of contraception (25%), followed by sterilization (24 percent) and the condom (18%).

Brazil to search banks for possible Nazi deposits

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - The Brazilian government will check its official banks for possible stolen Jewish wealth brought to the country by fugitive Nazis, the Finance Ministry said Friday.

Finance Minister Pedro Malan promised to investigate at the request of American Rabbi Henry Sobel, a ministry spokesman said.

Sobel, senior rabbi at Sao Paulo's Israelite Congregation, met with Malan on Thursday in Brasilia, the capital, and said the minister was "very receptive" to the idea.

"He promised to do the possible and the impossible to discover the truth," Sobel said in a telephone interview on Friday. "He said the government has a vested interest in seeking justice and restoring dignity to victims of injustice."

Sobel said the only difficulty Malan foresaw was "operational" because the Brazilian Central Bank didn't exist until 1965; a full check would have to include the semi-official Banco do Brasil as well.

The search for plundered Nazi gold is focused on Switzerland,

where Jewish groups claim \$7 billion remains in accounts dormant since World War II.

But the World Jewish Congress says that Latin American countries also were repositories for looted riches.

In Argentina, the Central Bank recently turned over to the Wiesenthal Center archives covering some 400 gold transfers from neutral European countries to Argentina between 1939 and 1949.

Although there have been no reports of deposits of plundered Jewish riches in Brazil, Sobel said he had "every reason to believe there's a lot."

"I'm convinced that the Nazis brought large sums of money with them to Brazil," Sobel said. "It was so easy here compared to other countries."

After World War II, many fugitive Nazis found a safe haven in South America. In Argentina and Brazil, they encountered vast spaces, immigrant communities and sympathetic, authoritarian leaders.

Among the war criminals who fled to Brazil was Dr. Josef Mengele, the "angel of death" from Auschwitz, who lived quietly in Sao Paulo until his death in 1979.

Girl sues town, police for using her as drug informant against parents

SEARSPORT, Maine (AP) - A teenager says her rights were violated when police used her as an informant against her marijuana-smoking parents.

Crystal Grendell, 17, contends in a lawsuit that she was assured her parents would not be arrested when she turned them in six years ago through a school drug-education program.

Drug agents raided her home and arrested her parents, Preston and Gail Grendell, on charges of cultivating marijuana. Preston Grendell pleaded guilty and received a 90-day suspended sentence; Gail Grendell's charges were dismissed.

Crystal and her mother sued the town and the police chief in US District Court in Bangor, Maine this week, seeking unspecified damages.

Crystal still feels guilty, said the family's lawyer, Jed Davis, and her mother lost her job as a result of the investigation.

Town Manager Fred Breslin said the town would not discuss the lawsuit.

Scotland rejoices as Stone of Scone returns

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) - With prayers, pipers and some political point-scoring, the legendary Stone of Scone was placed in its new home in Scotland yesterday, seven centuries after it was stolen by an English king.

"It's back where it belongs in Scotland," said Jean Livingstone, who stood with her 7-year-old granddaughter in the crowd along Edinburgh's Royal Mile as the stone rolled past on an army Land Rover.

"As to the motive, I am a wee bit dubious. I think it's a political thing," said Duncan Macallum, of Edinburgh.

Prince Andrew represented his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, at the ceremonies on the feast day of St. Andrew, Scotland's patron saint.

The stone slab, weighing 208 kg., was the coronation seat of Scottish kings until it was carried away as war booty by King Edward I in 1296.

The Stone of Scone (pronounced "skoon") stone was placed in the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey, where it has been involved in all coronations since.

Legends claim that the stone originated in the Holy Land, and that the Biblical patriarch Jacob rested his head on it when he had his dream of a ladder reaching to heaven.

"Today is like recovering a valued item that has been missing for a long time, like getting back a lost wedding ring," said the Right Rev. John McIndoe, moderator of the general assembly of the Church of Scotland, who preached at a service in St. Giles Cathedral.

The government has said little about why it decided to return the rock, though Prime Minister John Major noted in his announcement in July that this was the 700th anniversary of the stone's removal. Many Scots suspect the gesture

was intended to shore up the ruling Conservative Party's dwindling support in Scotland, a power base of the opposition Labor Party.

"Basically people are glad to see the Stone returning," said Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, which wants independence for Scotland.

"However, I think if you walked along this crowd and asked people what they would like, they would like the symbol returned, but also they want the substance, and the substance is a free parliament for a free people."

The Labor Party says that if it wins the next election, it will create a regional parliament for Scotland, but not grant full independence.

In 1950, four young Scottish nationalists stole the stone from Westminster Abbey. It was recovered four months later.

"Today it wasn't half as strenuous as it was the last time with us bringing it out," said Kay Matheson, 67, of Wester Ross, who was the only one of the four thieves to attend yesterday's ceremonies.

"It was all worth it, if we hadn't done it we would not be here today," she said.

The Very Rev. Michael Mayne, who retired Friday as dean of Westminster Abbey, complained that he was given just 36 hours notice of the decision to remove the stone.

"After the abbey had kept the stone for 700 years... it was not the way to behave to wrench the two apart in what seemed to me a political gesture to win a few Scottish votes," Mayne said in a pre-retirement interview.

"I am not saying it might not be right for the Scots to have it back, but the way it was done was discourteous and had a hint of vandalism about it," Mayne said.

Motorist's running out of gas fortunate for trapped woman

ELIZABETHTOWN, Kentucky (AP) - Coincidence led to the rescue of a woman who lay injured and trapped under her car after it ran off the road and over an embankment, landing out of sight of the highway.

Another motorist ran out of gas at almost the same spot where Pamela Carter's car left the Bluegrass Parkway hours earlier.

"And when he got out... he heard sounds like moaning," police dispatcher Melanie Creekmore said.

The man, Steve Campbell, a soldier stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, who was returning home to Radcliff, Kentucky, for the Thanksgiving holiday, looked over the guard rail and climbed down to where he found Ms. Carter, the dispatcher said.

Ms. Carter, 28, of the small town of Boston, was in critical condition Thursday after being airlifted to a hospital.

Ms. Carter was conscious when she was found and told police she believed her wreck happened about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday. The National Weather Service said temperatures dipped to about -4° C during the eight hours she was trapped.

"Of all the places for him to run out of gas - to me it's just incredible," Mrs. Creekmore said.

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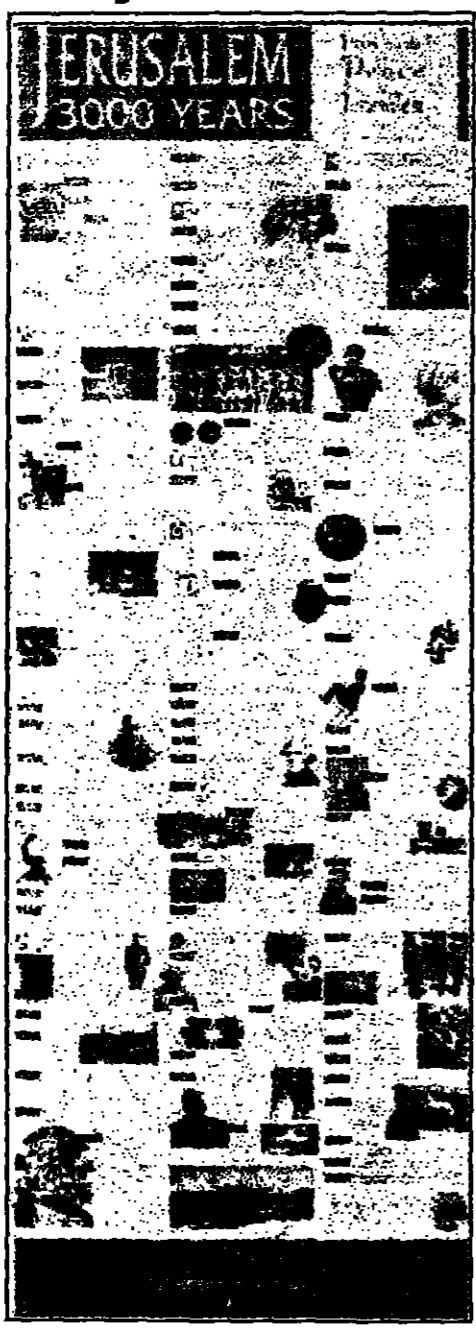
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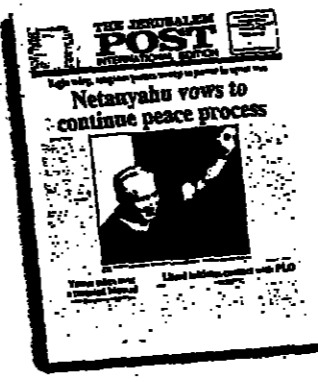
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Jerusalem enjoys (virtual) unity

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

THERE are few places where diverse Jewish groups such as the Conservative Movement, the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, Mafim kibbutzim and a Hebron settlers' lobby can share the same address. It isn't a joint office in Manhattan, but rather a piece of cyberspace called Virtual Jerusalem (VJ).

The large Israeli and Jewish Internet site (<http://virtual.co.il>), established in a modest way last May, now boasts mini-sites for more than 400 companies and organizations offering information, products and services. It also supplies excerpts from Jewish media (magazines and radio news), a way to send electronic-mail messages to the Western Wall and a taped Jewish rock-music program available round the clock.

The company, located in a modest Talpiot Industrial Zone office, was founded a year ago by 33-year-old Avi Moskowitz, a Brooklyn-born Yeshiva University graduate (BA in English literature) who came on aliya with his family from Staten Island. Now living in Efrat, Moskowitz never even owned a computer until 1982, when he bought one after having a summer job. In 1985, he established

a medical software company aimed at doctors and medical-care providers, which was called MedPlus. Then he sold it and brought his wife and four children on aliya.

The company of which he is now president started with a rather unimpressive Internet site called Jerusalem One, but it has since blossomed and covers a vast amount of Jewish and Israeli territory that would be of interest especially to Diaspora Jews and Christian supporters of Israel. About 80 percent of those who log on to the site are, not surprisingly, Americans, says Jonathan Weisberg, VJ's manager of Web services. The company has 20 staffers (mostly young, former immigrants from the US) and five in the US, as well as two "dedicated" servers (meaning they transmit only VJ material rather than sharing it with other sites) in New York and similar infrastructure in Jerusalem.

The news media section includes selections from *The Jerusalem Report* bi-weekly, English translations of bits from Hebrew dailies and VJ's own features on various subjects. There will soon be a link to *The Jerusalem Post* Internet Edition and

a reciprocal link from the *Post* to Virtual Jerusalem.

Other features, some of them gimmicky, are a round-the-clock live video feed from the Western Wall (starting Thursday); virtual tours of the Holy Land; kosher recipes; matchmaking; help in finding pen pals around the world; on-line chats with personalities and newsmakers; information about Shabbat candlelighting times, the Jewish calendar and holidays; and a list of Jewish-oriented e-mail lists.

But VJ makes its money from establishing Internet mini-sites for non-profit organizations such as Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel, the Israel Association for American Touch Football, Amcha, Neot Kedumim, and the Judaica Archival Project and for commercial firms such as Electric Fuel, The Jerusalem Mall, Israel Resort Hotels, the Kibbutz Hotel Association and Vered Hagalil.

In addition to the launching of the video feed from the Wall, Hanukka will be celebrated at VJ with a number of features,

such as a lesson on the proper placing of the candles, assistance in producing Hanukka e-mail cards to friends and family, top holiday tunes, puzzles and a round of *dreidel* deals against the computer.

Lenny Solomon, founder of the Shlock Rock band, presents a taped half-hour radio show whose content is changed every week or two.

Weisberg estimates that there are perhaps two million US Jewish subscribers to Internet services. It is difficult to know, as no serious survey has been conducted; nevertheless, there is no doubt that Jews are on the Internet in a proportion way beyond Internet use in the general US population. VJ would also appeal to Israeli emigrants who are hungry for a taste of home, even though there isn't very much in Hebrew.

VJ could certainly increase interest in Jewishness and Zion among Diaspora Jews. But perhaps such easy access to Israel - visual, audio and by text - would reduce some of the wonder of actually visiting the country. If an American Jew, or an Israeli *yored*, can taste Israel by merely turning on his modem-equipped computer, would this long-distance gratification substitute for the real thing?



The vegetarian stegosaurus, together with the other dinosaurs, may have become extinct 64 million years ago as a result of massive radiation fallout from outer space, according to a theory put forward by Technion scientists.

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JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

TECHNION physicists have proposed the "first" set of testable theories on the cause of the extinction of the dinosaurs some 64 million years ago and why life on earth was destroyed four previous times during the past 600 million years.

The theories, developed from the work of Dr. Nir Shaviv, at 24 one of the youngest doctoral students to receive his degree from the Technion, have aroused much interest in the world's scientific community. If correct, the set of theories will solve one of the central riddles connected to the history of the creation and development of life on Earth.

Cosmic radiation - energetic particles that fill the universe - reaches Earth, but most of the particles are absorbed by the atmosphere without harming any creatures living on the planet's surface, the Technion scientists note. However, if a tremendous amount of cosmic radiation pierces the atmosphere, it would cause a fatal amount of radioactivity. "Such a large amount of radiation was apparently created by the joining of two neutron stars, resulting in a powerful explosion," explains Professor Arnon Dar of the physics faculty.

"Radiation released by this event would be fatal to life forms existing over and under the earth and water. The ozone layer would be destroyed, and the whole environment would be radioactive. Such an environment would leave 'fingerprints' that can be identified radiologically and geologically. The map of the destruction of life on Earth, known from geological research, exactly suits the radioactive 'fingerprints' found in the Earth's layers."

Although astro-physical theories can't be tested directly in the lab, it can be studied in space. The above theory, put forward by Dar, Dr. Ari Lior and Shaviv of the Technion, is being tested and will be further tested in the future. "One of the clear benefits of our explanation is the ability to predict future destructions, such as when neutron stars will join together. But don't worry, we are speaking about explosions that occur in our neighborhood once in a hundred million years."

Niv, currently doing post-doctoral work at the California Institute of Technology, has proposed a solution to another central riddle of the universe: Gamma radiation explosions. Dar, who directed Niv's doctoral studies, wouldn't offer details, but said they have been presented for publication in one of the

most prestigious journals in the field and are being tested by scientists at the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which has invested about \$1 billion in satellites to study the phenomenon.

Dar says that in Niv's absence, he is seeking another brilliant doctoral student to promote the research on extinction of life forms. "Candidates can find me in the Technion's physics faculty."

COTTON IN WOOL'S CLOTHING

How would you like to buy clothing as wrinkle-free as polyester and as warm as wool? US researchers believe they will be able to insert a polyester gene into the cotton plant to grow such a fiber and put it on the market in three to five years. A lab experiment has shown that a bacterium gene that makes a polyester-like substance can be inserted into the cotton plant and cause it to grow a fiber that has the texture of cotton, but with the ability to insulate of a winter-weight fabric.

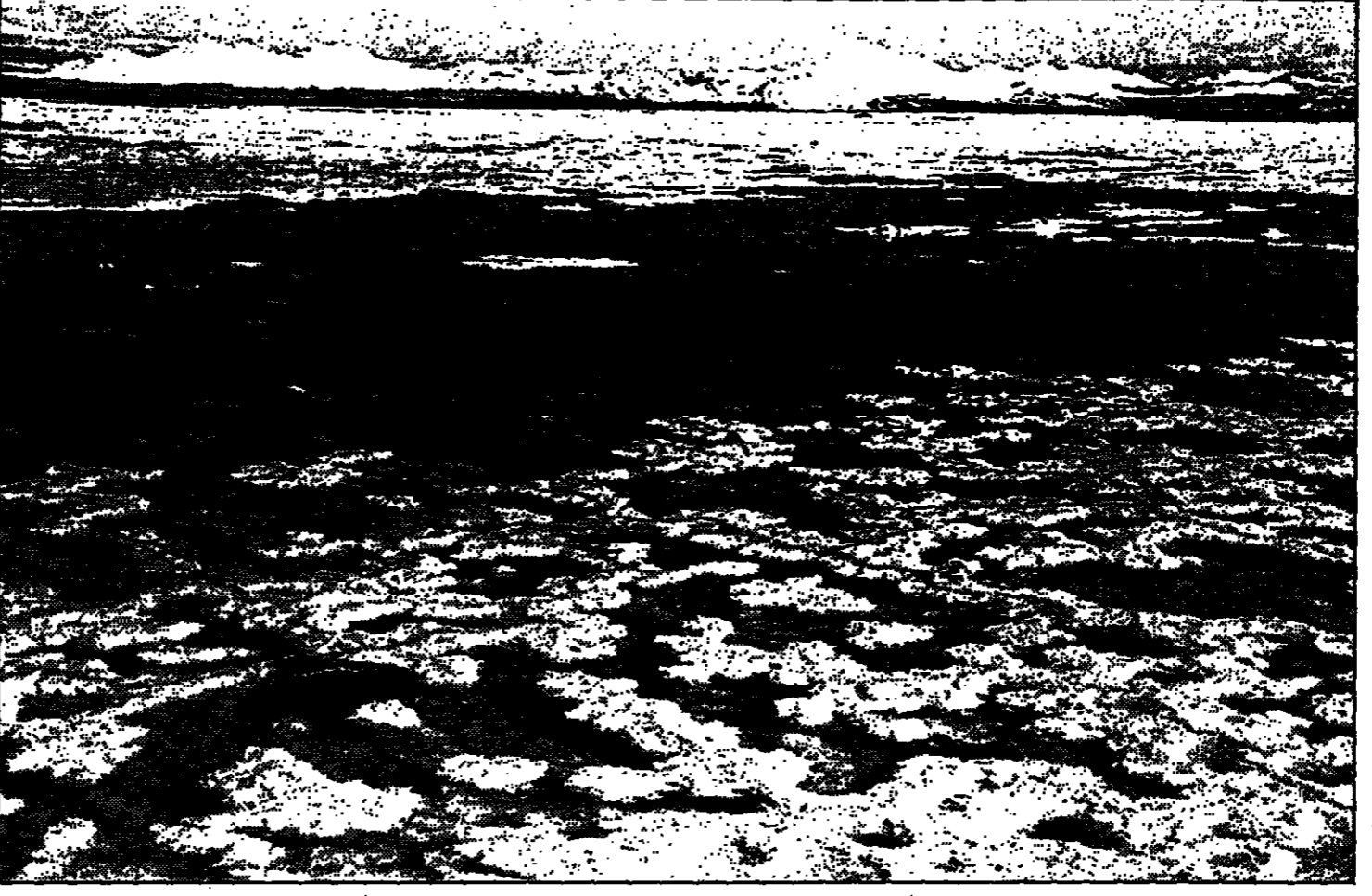
"This proves the concept that we'll be able to come up with new and novel fibers for the textile industry by genetically engineering the cotton plant," says Maliyakal John, a biochemist with the Agracetus company in Middleton, Wisconsin, who wrote a study published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

"If we can put enough polyester into the cotton, we could come up with a fiber used to make sweaters and other types of winter wear that are not now possible with cotton," John says. Other genes could be used to lock in dyes, allowing production of more brightly colored, fade-resistant fabrics.

The research, financed with a grant from the US commerce department, proves that cotton plants can be genetically altered by particle bombardment, a technique in which specific genes are moved from other species into agricultural plants. The researchers are now working to put even more polyester into the cotton plant to boost its heat retention.

CLARIFICATION

The wood-pulp whitening technique described in the last *New Worlds* column was the result of joint research by Professor Eugene Rosenberg of Tel Aviv University's faculty of molecular microbiology and biotechnology and the Technion's Dr. Yuval Shoham and not of the Technion alone.



The Dead Sea's high salinity causes layers of water to homogenize in a unique way.

Dead Sea is not undergoing revolution

TELL ME WHY
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

I heard that there has been a kind of "revolution" in the waters of the Dead Sea, in which the bottom layers have come to the top, and the top layers have sunk to the bottom. Is this true? When and how did it happen? What are the implications for the Dead Sea? Melvin, Jerusalem.

Dr. Itai Gavrieli, a geologist at the Israel Geological Survey in Jerusalem, replies:

The layers of the Dead Sea do not switch places, but from time to time, because of climatic and water-supply conditions, the denser layers on the bottom and less-dense layers on the top mix together (or homogenize). We at the Geological Survey, and Dr. David Anati and his colleagues at the Hebrew University's geology department, conduct periodic tests of this phenomenon.

Since the late '70s, there has been a reduction of Jordan River water flow into the Dead Sea and increased evaporation of the water, thus making the Dead Sea smaller and saltier. This makes the upper layers of the Dead Sea saltier and denser, causing the waters to overturn and mix. It is a gradual rather than a sudden process and cannot be seen with the naked eye. The stratification into layers of varying density can go on for years; it depends on the amount of winter rainwater that reaches the Dead Sea, as well as other factors. The last time homogenization occurred was in 1995. It

can remain so for a year or two or more.

Overturning of layers in lakes occurs routinely, but the conditions are unique in the Dead Sea because of its high salinity, and thus very interesting to scientists. There are microorganisms in the Dead Sea - it is not a "dead" body of water - and they could be affected by the movement of the water, as could the chemical industries on the banks of the lake.

When I eat a large piece of bread or a bagel without drinking, I often get hiccups. How is hiccupping, which is a disruption of the breathing mechanism, connected with what goes into the esophagus?

Prof. Asher Tal, a respiratory expert in the pediatric department of Soroka Hospital in BeerSheva, explains:

It is a well-known phenomenon that eating dry food on an empty stomach often causes hiccupping. Doctors don't know the actual apparatus that can explain this phenomenon, but they do know that there are definite connections between the alimentary canal and the respiratory system. This is mainly due to the

anatomical fact that the esophagus (the eating tube) lies next to the trachea (air tube); the two even touch. There are other phenomena: If acid from the stomach goes up the esophagus (in a condition called reflux), this can affect the trachea as well.

Is it true that blondes and redheads go gray earlier and faster than brunettes? Are there people who never go gray? Arthur, Bat Yam

Dr. Ronnie Wolf, an expert on hair at the dermatology department at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv, says:

There is no connection between the original color of hair and how fast or slowly one turns gray. Perhaps the gray looks more obvious in blondes or redheads. The main thing determining when a person grays is genetics. There are a handful of people whose hair never turns gray, and this, too, is due to inheriting certain genes.

Have you always wondered about the scientific explanation for ordinary phenomena? Now you can get an answer. Mail your question to TELL ME WHY, c/o Jerusalem Post Science & Technology Reporter Judy Siegel-Itzkovich, The Jerusalem Post, P.O.B. 81, 91000 Jerusalem, fax it to (02) 5389527, or send it by e-mail to jusie@jpost.co.il. Please include your first name and place of residence.

Educational software to exercise children's minds

DISK-COVERY
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Beit Hamada Shel Danny, a Hebrew-language CD-ROM marketed by Matrix Multimedia, based on the original English program by Edmark in the US, for children aged 2 to 8, NIS 129.

Rating: Four stars out of five

Beit Haheshbon Shel Millie, a Hebrew-language CD-ROM marketed by Matrix Multimedia, based on the original English program by Edmark in the US, for children aged 2 to 6, NIS 129.

Rating: Three stars out of five

It seems that at least half of the computer programs geared to pre-school and early-elementary school children hint - or even boldly claim - they will boost youngsters' IQ. No one has ever proven that a piece of software can do this, but parents continue to buy them with the notion that working on a computer will get pre-schoolers into Harvard.

These two programs will, at least, provide "brain exercise" for children - certainly more than they would get by spending the same amount of time watching TV or playing conventional computer games in which the aim is to shoot, explode, or otherwise kill the enemy.

The science disk is actually very



Beit Haheshbon Shel Millie, a Hebrew-language CD-ROM for children aged 2 to 6, sells for NIS 129.

well done. To add to its "educational" aura, Matrix has produced a well-done, 32-page booklet that explains every step in the program, and suggests extracurricular "fun and research activities" for parents to share with their children.

There are five options on the menu, most of them imaginative, and the level of difficulty can be set to suit the user's age and abilities. The "weather machine" lets the user choose the type of weather he wants to produce: Click on cold, moderate or hot temperatures, windless, moderately windy or very

windy, clear, light rain or storms. Any combination chosen will produce a different animated film illustrating such weather. Select a hot, windy thunderstorm, you'll see a ladylike animal wearing summery clothes and sipping lemonade; she is soaked, and a storm blows her hat off. The temperatures are listed in both centigrade and Fahrenheit, to please everybody.

Another clever option is a cinema. The user is asked to look at three or four pictures and to place them in their logical sequence, such as a tadpole turning into a frog or a volcano erupting. Do it right and you see four animals sitting in a movie house (click on the popcorn and they'll munch on it). An eager rabbit screens a film showing the correct sequence in an animated form, either forwards or backwards. There are plenty of such exercises, and the result is fun.

A sorting option requires dragging objects with the mouse to the appropriate bin, categorizing animals as having tails or scales or being able to fly; and flora as being mushrooms, plants, flowers or trees. Another option presents a lake in each of the four seasons. Various animals are shown, and the user has to answer questions about their habits; older children who can read can click on a notebook that contains facts, diagrams and pictures with information on a few dozen creatures.

Finally, there is a workshop option, in which parts of animals or

objects are displayed. The child must click on the appropriate part and drag it into place until it is whole.

The arithmetic disk, meant for younger children, teaches numbers, counting and sizes, but is less gripping than the science disk. There are seven options in this one; as you make your choice with the mouse, the pupils in Millie the cow's eyes move in the same direction. To learn the numbers, click on a cash register. Choose numbers up

to 10, in the 20s and in the 30s. Click on a number and the same number of animals will pop out of the drawer and count out their number. The cookie-factory option asks the user to put the right number of candies atop the cookies on an assembly line; get it right and Raleigh the horse will gobble up the cookie.

This disk will interest children aged two to four or five, but is likely to bore six-year-olds who already know how to count.

Bad-bowel sufferers needed for research

HEALTH SCAN
JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

PATIENTS suffering from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) are being sought at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem to take part in clinical trials of a Tibetan herbal formula known as Padmalax, which contains 13 different plants. Manufactured by Padma Ltd. in Switzerland, the pills are sold in Europe over the counter as a nutritional supplement (but not yet in Israel). Swiss and Polish studies have found that Padmalax is effective in treating not only "simple" constipation, but also IBS, which is known as spastic bowel.

Professor Moshe Legumsky of the gastroenterology department says that, according to US studies, IBS may be present in up to 15% of the general population, but that fewer than a quarter of those actively seek medical help. About 40% of patients visiting the gastro clinic suffer from IBS, but little is known about its causes; aid treatment is still limited. Psychological factors such as anxiety and depression may be involved, along with physiological ones. Patients complain of abdominal pain, altered bowel habits with an alternating pattern of constipation and diarrhea, and often bloatedness, belching and gas.

Women tend to outnumber men two to one; it is more common among Jews than Arabs; and more than half of the patients experience their first symptoms before the age of 35.

Call Dr. Eran Ben-Arie, the study coordinator, for more information at (02) 461-9961.

PATIENT CRANE SAVES BACKS

Assaf Harofeh Hospital's emergency room frequently has trouble moving patients who are very heavy-set or who suffer back and neck injuries. The Tzrifin hospital has just installed a special crane to move such patients from a bed or stretcher to an X-ray machine and back without causing them - or the staff - any harm. "It often happens that we have to ask volunteers to help because female X-ray technicians don't have the strength to move patients, or because male technicians have back problems that result from their work," says Dr. Naftali Hadas, head of the urgent medicine department.

The hospital contacted a Norwegian company, Medicam Systems, and ordered a customized device suitable for this purpose. "I don't know why we didn't think of it before," says Hadas. "At a cost of \$10,000, we greatly improved the working conditions of staffers and the way of dealing with problematic patients. Since technicians in other hospitals heard of it, the phone hasn't stopped ringing."

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The case against unity

THERE is something almost pitiful in Shimon Peres's pinning his hopes of a political comeback on the formation of a national unity government. Instead of gracefully retiring into the role of elder statesman and writing what should be a fascinating series of memoirs - so active a political and diplomatic life cannot be bound up in one volume - the indefatigable Peres believes he still has a major role to play in determining Israel's future as the next century approaches.

The compromise agreement reached at the Labor Party's central committee last week promises some interesting, although not necessarily constructive political developments from now until September 1997, the final date for Peres to play a pivotal role in Labor Party politics. Although Peres has agreed to step down next June as Labor's leader, the agreement leaves him in charge of negotiations with the Likud should a national unity government be formed by September. And if such a government comes into being, Peres will be the senior Labor minister despite his no longer heading the party.

Thus Peres's interest in a national unity government is clear. But it is far from clear that such a government is in the country's best interests.

Although it is true that the 1984 national unity government, in which Peres first served as prime minister, succeeded in implementing the much-needed IDF withdrawal from Lebanon and ending the horrific hyperinflation which threatened to destroy the economy, the conflicting visions between its Labor and Likud components eventually ensured that the government trod water rather than move forward. Indeed, when Peres did attempt to push the peace process on by going behind then-premier Yitzhak Shamir's back and negotiating the London agreement with Jordan's King Hussein, he ended up empty-handed: Shamir refused to ratify the accord and Israel-Jordanian relations suffered as a result.

The real breakthrough in the Middle East peace process - the Madrid conference - only took place after Labor quit the national unity government, leaving the Likud to run the country's foreign policy on its own. And the manner of Labor's departure from this government, as characterized by Yitzhak Rabin's memorable phrase "the stinking maneuver," highlighted the unsavory atmosphere of mistrust and machinations which permeated all levels of the national unity government's operations.

Peres, it seems, has forgotten all this in his determination to secure a seat at the cabinet table. After hardly having had a chance to rest following an intensive week of internal Labor

Party wrangling, Peres was busy telling reporters on Friday that informal talks were underway between Labor and the Likud about the formation of a national unity government and that he was optimistic as to the outcome of these talks. Peres, who is nothing if not optimistic - five defeats at the polls have not dented his belief in the rightness of his way - argued that now that the Likud has accepted the Oslo Accords, there is enough in common between the two parties to govern together.

Here Peres is not altogether wrong. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's readiness to honor the Oslo Accords and willingness to press forward in the negotiations with the Palestinians has radically changed traditional Likud policies. Netanyahu has even talked of the possibility of Palestinian statehood if a model of sovereignty could be found for the Palestinians which would not endanger vital Israeli interests.

Common ground among parties, however, is not enough to ensure a government's effective and smooth functioning. Throughout his long political career, Peres has been characterized by rivals in his own party as untrustworthy and many in the Likud fear a unity government co-headed by Peres will mean two separate - one official and one driven by Peres - foreign policies in dealing with the Arabs. Aside from the example of the London agreement with Hussein, Peres also circumvented Rabin during the early stages of the Oslo process. Given the extreme delicacy of the negotiations with the Palestinians as the talks enter the beginning of final status deliberations, no prime minister would want to risk introducing a further complication into this arena.

If Peres really wishes to help the peace process he started, he could best serve its cause by functioning as a true opposition leader - fiercely criticizing the government when it makes mistakes but supporting it when it makes moves in the right direction. Asked by journalists last week if he favored a national unity government, Netanyahu replied that he preferred building a national consensus. It seems clear that the prime minister has learned from Rabin and Peres's failure in this regard, a failure which led to Labor's electoral downfall.

Peace between Israel and the Arabs cannot be made by a divided Israel, but it does not demand a national unity government. Just as Labor, correctly, supported Menachem Begin's government when the Camp David Accords were brought to the Knesset for ratification, Labor can again, from the opposition benches, play a major role in guaranteeing support for any future peace agreement. Shimon Peres lost the 1996 election; he should respect the voters' wishes.



Power over people

THREE seemingly unrelated events made headlines this month. Together they prove the old adage "Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Two border policemen were videotaped hitting and kicking Palestinian workers; MK Haim Dayan allegedly beat his wife, and thousands of American women soldiers alleged rape and sexual abuse by their male drill sergeants in basic training.

When such events happen the knee-jerk response is usually denial, followed by a plea for understanding. The perpetrators were just a few "bad apples" in a big organization.

Or as Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani put it: "We have an excellent Border Police and I will not allow such terrible behavior by a few to hurt the entire force."

But if the authorities continue to believe and act on the "bad apple" principle such events will go on occurring. Why? Because then they won't be asking the right questions, the ones which lead to the conclusion that power and harassment go hand in hand.

It's the system that sets up the situation. The system contains the written and unwritten rules which end up with victim and victimizer being wounded as human beings and society being dealigned.

I am not saying we shouldn't punish offenders today; rather that we must begin changing the system, for everyone's benefit.

Look at the Border Police system - who gets in, what the training is like and what happens when recruits finally go out on the job.

Border policemen are young soldiers who either choose or are assigned to the force. Like with all police agencies in the Western world most people would prefer to be doing something else. Some observers say the Border Police has more than its fair share of youngsters with less aptitude and achievement.

The six-months' training period is long compared with many training programs. The focus is on physical fitness, rules and laws, defensive tactics, stemming attacks, rescuing people. Unlike some other army units, the Border Police's training section has money for remedial education.

Much emphasis, I am told, is placed on two words: restraint and obedience. That sounds good, and it is good. The commanders point with pride to what they accom-

plish in each six-month class. But, we need to ask, to what extent is it real-world training? What do the young policemen face in the fields and in the street? These 18- and 19-year-olds put on their uniforms and pick up their weapons to patrol borders, airports, checkpoints and city centers, examining the identity cards

of Arab passersby. What a role change! These young people are transformed from powerless, low-status high school students to powerful, armed, supposedly wise decision-makers representing the power and majesty of the Israel government.

The first shock comes when they meet police-soldiers already on duty for a year or more. "Forget what you learned in training," they are told. "We'll show you how it really works, what you need to do to survive."

It's terrible work. Hour after hour, day after day, faced with an always unhappy, often hostile, sometimes violent, occasionally murderous population. Epithets are aimed at them (and their mothers), also rocks and bottles, sometimes bullets.

While most of us only see on TV how it works out in the field or at border points, you can go to Jerusalem's Zion Square almost any morning and see border police checking Arabs' identity cards. It's a small taste, and not a nice one.

A scowling patrol person points a finger at a passing Arab woman carrying a young child. "Come here," the finger says. With a word or no word, the message is given: Produce an identity card. Sometimes there is a quick check against a list of wanted suspects or escapees.

Sometimes it looks as if the policeman is enjoying keeping the person on the spot. Perusal of the card is slow. There's a call to a colleague to come over. Both

policemen study the card. A few questions are asked. It's all very grim. Finally, the card is handed back. There's almost never a smile or a thank you.

When you consider that more than 99 percent of Arabs who get stopped are there perfectly legally you realize that the police are giving Arabs, including the middle-aged and the old, an awful lot of harassment and bad feeling.

What is the effect on these young border policemen? Is it any wonder so many become cynical, suspicious, arrogant, hostile, unhappy and tired? There are still too many suicides, too many psychological and personal problems, treated and untreated.

What connects the Border Police, the wife-beater and the American drill sergeants? Power. Border policemen have the power to stop, question, approve anyone and everyone they choose. A husband has the strength and privacy to inflict punishment. The American basic training drill sergeant has all that and more with his recruits.

In the best of all possible worlds - or maybe in heaven - power would be fully tempered with responsibility and service. In the worst of all possible worlds (Nazi Germany and more recent regimes) power, harassment and murder go hand in hand.

While the phenomenon of power is central, each system has its differences. The common thread is that the state is a key participant in setting up the system. So what should the state do?

Border Police: Make the job less impossible. Allow more rest, rehabilitation, and counseling. Stress responsibility. Ultimately perhaps only peace with our neighbors will get our youngsters out of the job of policing a hostile population.

Family Violence: Examine the civil and religious laws. Implement better law enforcement regarding spousal and child abuse. Work to change people's values regarding what is right and proper among family members.

Others will be advising the American civil and military authorities. Meanwhile the least we can do is stop citing those "bad apples." Throwing them out won't change the system or erase those headlines.

The author is a writer and former professor of public administration.

Like a robot

DAVID GRANIEWITZ

I will never forget where I was when I heard about John Lennon's murder. I was near the end of five grueling months of infantry basic training. We had been taken out of our regular schedule to patrol the streets and "keep the peace."

It was over seven years before the outbreak of the intifada. Things were different then. Three inexperienced rookies could be sent out alone to wander the alleyways of Gaza.

One member of my patrol, an American called Haim, would glare at people as we passed "to show who's boss."

One day a small stone flew over the wall of an elementary school we were keeping an eye on. Haim rushed into the playground, we others in pursuit. Small children scattered in all directions. We dragged "the boss" out, explaining in English to the distraught headmistress that we were just leaving.

Haim was furious. He was sure that next time those kids would be throwing hand-grenades.

I didn't stop to think about this. All I knew was that we had been trained how to acquit ourselves on the battlefield, against other soldiers. No one had prepared us for the task of occupation.

Quite new here, I had joined up out of a sense of national duty, to defend my country. I found it hard to deal with this situation. The last thing I wanted to be doing was scaring little children.

As a reservist, I have since done many tours of duty in Gaza, especially during the intifada. And just as I saw the situation change there each time, so I noticed the corresponding changes in myself.

The naive I had had at age 19 disappeared. My main aim became to finish my month of reserve duty as uneventfully as possible.

I realized that the only way to keep sane in the hellhole that was Gaza during the intifada was to be as oblivious as possible to the condition of the city's residents.

I recall a member of my unit saying once it was a pity Israel didn't have a border with Denmark. We could have been

I realized I was dehumanizing the people I was dealing with, also that it was inevitable

keeping watch on a rooftop in Copenhagen.

I thought about British soldiers keeping the peace in Northern Ireland among hostile locals who resembled them and shared their religion, language, and culture. Belfast and Londonderry must have reminded many soldiers of their home towns. Gaza, by contrast, seemed on a different continent.

Many times, positioned on a Gazan rooftop, I would search, usually in vain, for some aspect of life with which I could identify.

The open sewers, the piles of rubbish in the streets, the stench, the barefoot children running everywhere, the clothes people wore - everything combined to alienate me from that place.

And that helped quieten any pangs of conscience about what I was doing there, especially when I was called upon to do something unsavory like searching houses and arresting their occupants in the middle of the night.

Intellectually I realized that I was dehumanizing the people I was dealing with, also that it was inevitable if I was to be able to function in those circumstances.

The first day of reserve duty I would be dismayed by what I was seeing. Within a short time I could block it out effortlessly.

WATCHING the disturbing TV footage of Palestinian workers trying to enter Israel illegally, being maltreated by two Border Policemen I saw part of a pattern I had come to know. This type of behavior has become inevitable.

Given the circumstances of the occupation the only way we can continue to play overlords is by dehumanizing those under our control. A soldier who does this can then justify almost anything he does to his victim in the name of national security.

I can honestly believe the agitated mother of one of the young patrolmen who, as her son was being remanded in custody, claimed he was "a good boy" who couldn't have done what was being alleged.

Those of us who have served in the territories know all about the "Jekyll-and-Hyde" effect, even on the most stable. We know that occupation can turn the occupiers into victims.

The writer is a Jerusalem high school teacher.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAJ AMIN

Sir - In his op-ed article of October 17, "Stardling cover-up," Jay Bushinsky mentioned my new book *Haj Amin and Berlin* and criticized Zvi El-Peleg's book *The Grand Mufti* (published in 1989) for apparently intentionally giving insufficient information on this subject. In response, on November 8, Martin Kramer attacked him in a Letter to the Editor, trying to justify El-Peleg's approach to Haj Amin. He forgot to mention that El-Peleg's book was also translated into Arabic (the foreword was written by Faisal Hussein) and was distributed and sold all over the Arab world. In *Yediot Aharonot* of July 17, 1992, El-Peleg pointed out that there is almost nothing in the ideology of the PLO that the mufti had not expressed and that the Arab world was pleased about the research carried out on Haj Amin, although uncomfortable because the author was an Israeli.

I can understand the Arab attitude, but not that of the Israeli publisher of El-Peleg's book (the Israeli Ministry of Defense), who considered it appropriate to join those who try to rehabilitate the mufti from his dark past.

In a chronology (pages 223-226), El-Peleg makes only the following entries for the mufti's wartime activities:

EGREGIOUS SLANDERS

Sir - I refer to Susan Hattis Rolef's article of November 16, "People may live as they like..." There is not a rabbi anywhere in the world who claims "that the redemption will come only when all Jews spend all or most of their time studying." This so-called "premise" is a complete canard. Her second "premise" is equally misleading. Anyone electing to live a religious lifestyle has "chosen," and is constantly choosing, of his own free will and common sense, to follow the opinion of his leaders. Recognizing that there exist wiser people than oneself in no way implies a suspension of free will.

Also, her conclusion that, due to their adherence to their beliefs, "most haredim are unequipped to cope with the contemporary labor market" is completely erroneous. There are huge communities of haredim all over the world, that invariably rank among the upper middle-class in their respective countries. These are people who look, act, talk, and think exactly as do the "Israeli" haredim, yet count among their number leaders in every conceivable form of human endeavor, be it science, computer research, medicine, or business.

Incidentally, why does Ms. Rolef spend so much time denigrating and criticizing the "materially miserable" lives of the haredim? Is there not so much more to criticize in the "spiritually miserable" existence of the irreligious majority, particularly among the younger generation (drugs, divorce, violence and general disillusionment would do for starters)?

Is she perhaps envious of their serenity and their moral certitude? Or does she simply find them an easy target, with their "ridiculous" clothes and outdated attitudes?

RABBI ELIMELECH MEISELS

JENNIE LABEL

Tel Aviv.

IMMIGRANT TRAINING

Sir - I read David Harris's recent article on immigrant training with great interest.

I am a vocational rehabilitation counselor who made the effort to guide one of the immigrants back into his original profession. The former physicist insisted that he could earn a higher income by house painting than in his profession. He argued that he has a family to support and cannot make ends meet on the meager salary of a professional. The time he spent at his hobby was far more lucrative than a full-time job in his field.

SARA COHEN

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



This is one form of violence towards women that seems to be tolerated these days: gentler-sex boxing. Christy Martin of Orlando slugs Bethany Payne of Atlanta on her way to winning the Women's Pound-For-Pound Championship fight in Las Vegas recently. (Reuters)

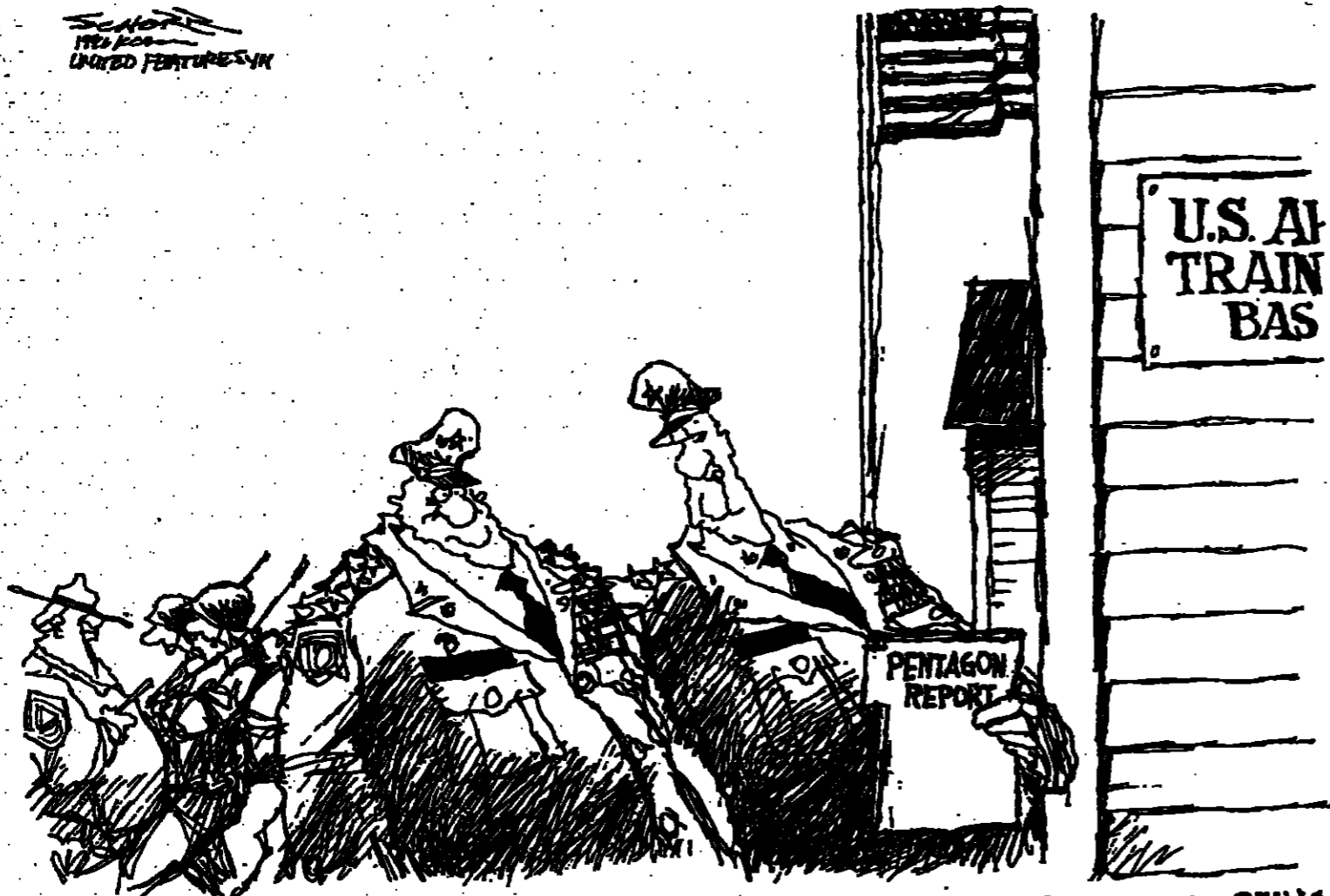
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"...TURNS OUT THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT OUR FEMALE RECRUITS FROM BEING SEXUALLY HARASSED IS TO ALLOW MORE GAYS IN THE MILITARY..."

Small change

Welfare bill won't be an easy fix

BY JEFFREY KATZ

All summer long, as liberals stared at him accusingly, U.S. President Bill Clinton vowed to make the welfare bill they have palatable — after the election. "I think it can be easily fixed," he said on July 31, moments before Congress passed legislation ending the 61-year-old federal guarantee of relief to poor women and children.

Actually, it won't be easy at all. The November elections reaffirmed the GOP's control of Congress, and ended any faint hope liberals may have had that the process of devolution set in motion four months ago could be reversed. "The truth of the matter," admits New York liberal Charles Rangel, "is that the genie's out of the bag."

And, in fact, Clinton never really promised to restore welfare as an entitlement or return the federal government to its role as chief arbiter of how to treat the poor. What he actually pledged to do if re-elected was more limited. He committed himself only to reversing a handful of the welfare law's more controversial measures. The law as it stands allows states to cut current legal immigrants off Medicaid and virtually requires they deny public health benefits to future ones. Clinton seems to want legal immigrants, present and future, to remain eligible. He would also like to make it easier for legal immigrant children, as well as elderly and disabled newcomers, to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). And the administration opposes provisions that make it much harder for able-bodied adults without dependents to receive Food Stamps unless they work.

Such changes are achievable, if Clinton fights for them during upcoming budget negotiations. But even they will prove difficult. Most of the \$54.6 billion the welfare law saves over six years comes not from the block granting of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, but from cuts in Food Stamps and aid to legal immigrants — the very provisions the administration is trying to revise. The Food Stamps cuts save about \$23 billion through 2002, the immigrants provisions about the same, though there is some overlap. (The biggest savings among legal immigrants come from restricting access to SSI, which provides cash to the low-income aged, blind and disabled.)

Any restoration of Food Stamp or SSI money would have to come as part of an overall budget deal and be paid for by savings elsewhere. Mark Greenberg, a senior staff attorney at the liberal Center for Law and Social Policy, isn't optimistic. To restore the money, he says, "there has

to be a strong sense that there's something needing fixing. And probably not enough has happened yet to change the views of those who thought this was a good bill in the first place."

In addition to restoring cuts in Food Stamps and SSI, Clinton has pledged he'll get Congress to give states more money for the expensive task that this bill assigns to them — moving people into jobs. The new legislation requires the states to ensure that half their welfare caseload is working by fiscal 2002. But the Congressional Budget Office doubts states will meet the work requirements and predicts they will find it cheaper simply to eat the federal penalties for failing to do so. The result would be a liberal's nightmare — people disqualified for public assistance after the new five-year cutoff and left to fend for themselves.

Whether the Clinton administration and its allies will be any more successful this time depends partly on whether they win the backing of the nation's 32 Republican governors, a group that last year exercised considerable influence in the drafting of welfare reform.

Bill Clinton has proposed designating two pots of money to help states meet the work requirements. The first, worth \$3 billion over three years, would give them money to spur job creation for welfare recipients or to reward private job-placement agencies for having done so. The second, worth about \$400 million over four years, would provide tax credits of up to \$10,000 for wages, training or education for long-term welfare recipients.

GOP moderates have long seemed amenable to increased funding to help employ the hard-core unemployed. But in July, Republican House and Senate conferees quickly discarded a similar \$3 billion fund designed to help states do exactly that.

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of the nation's 32 Republican governors, a group that last year exercised considerable influence in the drafting of welfare reform. As one Democratic congressional aide puts it, the Republican governors are going to have to go to their own party's leadership and say, "I understand the rhetoric during the campaign, but here's the reality," that more federal money is needed to get welfare recipients employed.

But that message may not be well received on Capitol Hill. A House Republican aide notes, "Yes, we'll hear that. But we'll ignore it. It's just not true." "I've never met a governor who didn't like federal spending," says Republican Representative E. Clay Shaw Jr., who, while willing to consider some measures to help welfare recipients find jobs, nonetheless says, "I don't see any big changes in what we did this year."

Others aren't sure the governors will make the pitch at all. The nation's economy is generally in good shape, state and local finances are relatively stable, the welfare caseload has dwindled some and the growth of Medicaid spending — which had, until recently, been squeezing all other state programs — has slowed considerably. Without a recession to prompt them, GOP governors may not feel compelled to act. Says Elaine Ryan, director of governmental affairs for the American Public Welfare Association, an organization of state and local welfare administrators, "I don't think there's any groundswell to look for additional dollars yet."

Then again, maybe the Clinton administration might be able to insist on the money itself, if it really went to the wall, if it proposed savings from some of its other cherished programs. Revising the welfare law "will be a high priority for us," says one administration official. "And in a budget agreement, there's a good chance there'll be bipartisan support both for softening the cuts — especially for legal immigrants — and for making sure that welfare reform means moving people from welfare to work."

Robert Greenstein, executive director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a liberal public research group, thinks modest changes are possible. But he isn't wildly confident. "When the rubber meets the road and you really have to set priorities," Greenstein wonders, "where will this be on the list?"

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Call to execute teen-age parents is political ploy

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

In an irresponsible political act calculated to grab headlines, the attorney general of Delaware has threatened to seek the death penalty for a teen-age couple whose newborn baby was earlier killed or abandoned and left to die. Tragically, the phenomenon of newborns being killed or abandoned by their mothers is widespread throughout the world. In America alone there are hundreds of such cases each year. Prosecutors never seek the death penalty in such cases, understanding that the ultimate punishment should be reserved only for the most calculating, recidivist professional killers, hit men, terrorists and the like.

There is no way that these teen-age parents will actually be subjected to execution. Judges and jurors will simply not tolerate such unreasonably disproportionate punishment. The impossibility of actually obtaining the death penalty makes the attorney general's statement even crueler and more unjustified. Imagine if the mother — who is almost certainly suffering from post-partum depression — had killed herself after learning that the prosecutor was seeking the death penalty. Many infanticide cases are followed by the suicide of the mother.

The attorney general's puffing also demonstrates the enormous discretion exercised by political prosecutors in deciding whether and when to seek — or threaten to seek — the death penalty. Recall that in the O.J. Simpson case, the same prosecutor who sought the death penalty against the Menendez brothers for killing their parents decided not to seek it against a man who the prosecutor claimed murdered two people in cold blood.

Why then would a politically ambitious prosecutor say she is seeking the death penalty when she knows full well she will never actually persuade the legal system to execute these teen-agers? There are several reasons, which range from bad to worse. First, there is publicity. Infanticide cases are all too common, and prosecutors who prosecute them do not make it into prime time. But this prosecutor made headlines by seeking the death penalty. She went on Geraldo Rivera's TV show to announce that she is not trying this case in the media and then proceeded to try it to Geraldo and to any other journalist who would listen. Second, when a case carries a possible sentence of execution, the jury that hears it must be "death qualified" — that is, all the jurors selected must be willing to impose the death penalty in this kind of case. Prosecutors know that such jurors are also, generally, more pro-prosecution on issues of guilt or innocence. Thus, aggressive prosecutors often claim they are seeking the death penalty, as a ploy to get a more favorable jury. Once the jury is selected, they conveniently "change their mind" and no longer ask for execution. There are other benefits as well in the determination of bail, in plea bargaining and in frightening the defendants to turn against each other.

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But it is wrong for a prosecutor to play with the death penalty in this manner. The attorney general of Delaware made her announcement about the death penalty before she even knew the facts of the case. That was an irresponsible exercise of discretion.

Contrast her statement with that of Det. Sgt. Edward Fandrey, who was heading up the investigation into another, apparently quite similar, case of infant homicide. At about the same time that the baby was found in Delaware, another dead baby was found in a movie theater toilet in Commack, N.Y. Here is what Det. Fandrey said: "Oftentimes these things are the result of a teen-ager that finds herself in a set of circumstances that she has trouble dealing with," Fandrey said. But "every now and again, it's an adult who doesn't handle the situation well and we're left with this kind of tragedy."

Fandrey refused to discuss whether the mother would be charged with any crime. "That's too early to tell.... We need to speak with the mother to determine just what her frame of mind was and what the circumstances surrounding this tragedy are, and charges are a secondary thing.... And if there is some criminal liability, well, then, so be it. But primarily, we have a woman out there that probably needs some medical assistance and certainly needs some counseling, and we'd like to help her get that."

The abandonment or killing of an infant by its parents is always a tragedy and often a crime. But it is not a capital murder and should not be equated with a cold-hearted killing. Without in any way diminishing the culpability of the teen-age parents, any responsible prosecutor would first try to understand what could motivate a mother and father to do what these teen-agers did, before rushing to the judgment that they deserve to die. When all the facts are in, reason will prevail and this tragedy will not be treated as a capital case.

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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G.B. TRUDEAU

Panel 1: "ANYONE ELSE HERE?"

Panel 2: "I DON'T WANT TO BE HERE!"

Panel 3: "WELL, YOU'VE GOT TO BE HERE!"

Panel 4: "GOOD MORNING, PUBLIC AFFAIRS! ANYONE ELSE HERE? I'VE DECIDED TO DO A REGULAR NEWS COLUMN. A LITTLE THING WE CALL 'THE NEWS'." "WELL, THAT'S GREAT!"

Panel 5: "NOW, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING! THIS ISN'T A NEWS COLUMN, IT'S A NEWS COLUMN. IT SHOULD BE CALLED 'THE NEWS'!"

Panel 6: "IT RINGS THE BELL, THE BELL RINGS, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE HERE! BUT YOU'VE GOT TO BE HERE!"

Panel 7: "SO THAT'S THE MAIN REASON FOR THE NEWS COLUMN?"

Panel 8: "YOU KNOW, PERFECTLY WELL, THAT'S NOT THE MAIN REASON!"

Panel 9: "AND HERE WE GO!"

PEANUTS

by SCHULZ

Panel 1: "YAWN"

Panel 2: "SUCH A FOCKER. TRIPLANE COMES DIVING DOWN OUT OF THE SUN!"

Panel 3: "IT'S THE RED BARON!!"

Panel 4: "OUR PLANE IS BEING RIDDLED WITH BULLETS! WE'RE GOING DOWN IN FLAMES!"

Panel 5: "QUICKLY I PULL MY MECHANIC FROM THE WRECKAGE..."

Panel 6: "THEN A DESPERATE MOVE TO PUT OUT THE FLAMES."

Panel 7: "I THOUGHT YOU WERE TAKING A NAP..."

Panel 8: "I HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING WELL LATELY..."

Steve

By JERRY BRUCKHEIMER

Panel 1: "DON'T INTELLIGENCE COUNT FOR SOMETHING AROUND HERE?"

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Calvin and Hobbes

by BILLY WINTER

Panel 1: "TOBACCOANS GIVE BETTER RIDES THAN RUMPER SLEDS."

Panel 2: "WHY IS THAT? THERE'S NO WAY TO STEER."

Panel 3: "ON THESE CLOUDY WINTER DAYS, SOMETIMES I LIKE TO LIE BACK ON MY SLED AND LOOK AT THE SKY."

Panel 4: "IT'S JUST GREY AND SILENT. NO BIRDS SINGING OR BUGS BUZZING. EVERYTHING IS MUFFLED BY THE SNOW."

Panel 5: "IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT ANY PEOPLE OR HOUSES AROUND. IT WOULD BE PERFECTLY STILL..."

Panel 6: "PRETTY NEAT, HUH?"

Panel 7: "YES, VERY PEACEFUL."

Panel 8: "I HATE ALL THAT SILENCE."

Panel 1: "IDIOT." $2 \times 2 = 4$

Panel 2: $2 \times 2 = 4$

Panel 3: "WHO DISCOVERED THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER?"

Panel 4: "JOHNNY?"

Panel 5: "PLYMOUTH!"

Panel 6: "SORRY, JOHNNY... IT WAS DE SOTO."

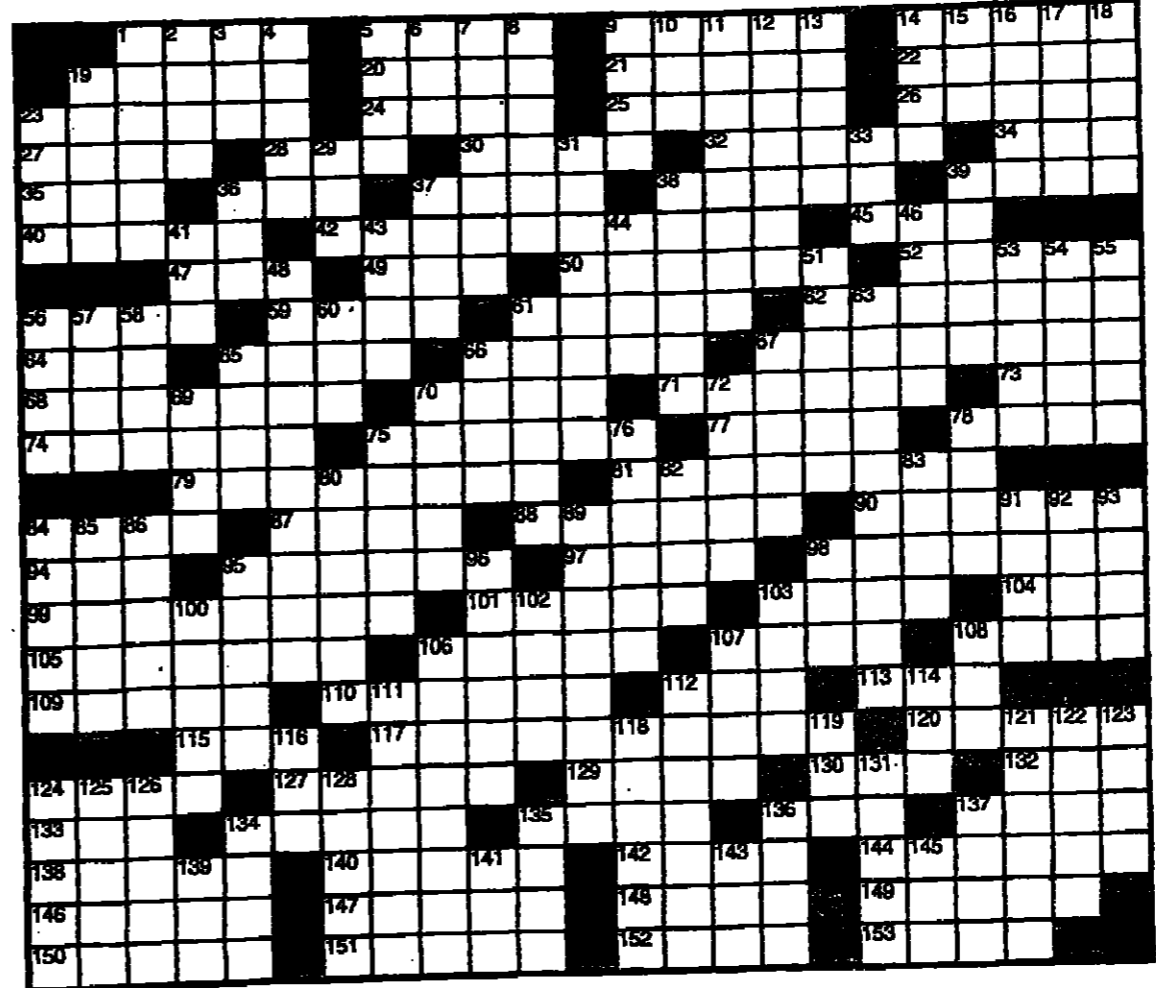
Panel 7: "OOO, ON! ...MY SELF ESTEEM... *SOB*"

Panel 8: "THERE, THERE, JOHNNY... SINCE THEY ARE BOTH CHRYSLER PRODUCTS ...I'M GIVING YOU AN 'A'."

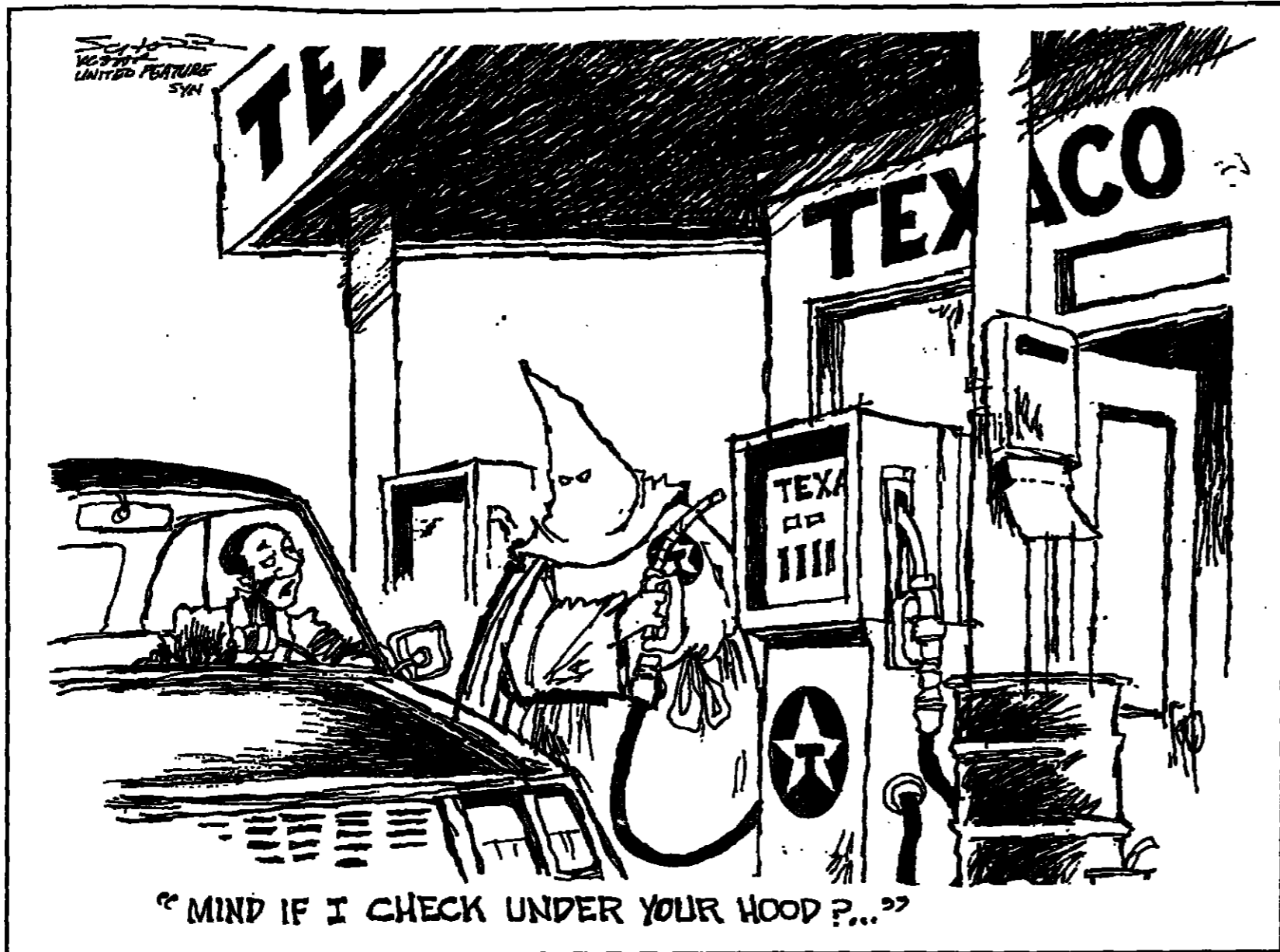
Panel 9: "ANTS GOT OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION!"

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

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- 1 Stupid person
 - 5 Paper quantity
 - 9 "Kick up the rear"
 - 14 Customer service
 - 19 Dietary need
 - 20 -- rarer
 - 21 On the wagon
 - 22 Turn inside out
 - 23 Julia Louis-Dreyfus role
 - 24 Hourglass contents
 - 25 Sinatra's group
 - 26 -- island
 - 27 Small valley
 - 28 Alas, dear
 - 30 Cupid
 - 31 Some modern buildings
 - 34 Cedar Rapids college
 - 35 Metric measure
 - 38 Greek letter
 - 37 Hazy acronym
 - 36 Playground apparatus
 - 39 Shopping center
 - 40 Olympic prize
 - 42 Popular book
 - 45 -- Paulo, Brazil
 - 47 Disenchant
 - 48 "-- will be done"
 - 50 Teller
 - 52 Australian wild dog
 - 56 Arduous journey
 - 59 Road instrument
 - 61 Strong string
 - 62 Including everything
 - 64 Cynical up
 - 65 Identical sibling
 - 66 Pain oil
 - 67 Communist
 - 68 Peewee's country
 - 70 Unchecked
 - 71 Colonial
 - 73 Mail -- cocktail
 - 74 Chinese
 - 75 Lunch
 - 77 Norm Peterson's
- DOWN**
- 1 Used a telephone
 - 2 Stage award
 - 3 Author Delia
 - 4 Pick up the job
 - 5 Hasty
 - 6 Guido's high note
 - 7 Pardon for political offense
 - 8 Indian city
 - 9 Venenous snake
 - 10 Court
 - 11 Out-of-date
 - 12 Dreamer
 - 13 Fear
 - 14 Whittaker
 - 15 Actress Gardner
 - 16 Saudi city
 - 17 Actor Flynn
 - 18 Commercial iron
 - 19 Light signal
 - 20 Dutch cheese
 - 21 Tact
 - 21 Devil's instruction
 - 23 Thing, in law
 - 26 Inventor Whitney
 - 27 Tennis pro
 - Arthur
 - 28 Point of view
 - 29 Sufferer Shuster
 - 31 Noah's vessel
 - 43 British school
 - 44 Flower vegetables
 - 45 Fred Astaire's sister
 - 46 Shabby
 - 51 Speakers' platform
 - 53 Well-dressed
 - 54 Gather 18 by bit
 - 55 Song from the past
 - 56 Tree branch
 - 57 Trico-met award
 - 59 Garden of --
 - 60 Make an offer
 - 61 Ohio city
 - 63 Fickleness
 - 65 Mountain pool
 - 66 Blaze
 - 67 Roman roads
 - 69 Sky look
 - 70 Haste makes --
 - 72 Tricar to -- China
 - 73 Ace
 - 76 White down
 - 78 Jigger's gait
 - 80 Aquatic animal
 - 82 Rose of Fountain
 - 83 Type of oam
 - 84 Year
 - 85 Vice --
 - 86 Put forth effort
 - 89 Butteque
 - 91 Coast by
 - 92 Roof overhang
 - 93 Song for two
 - 95 Italian town
 - 96 Prepare the
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 - 100 Indian corn
 - 102 Shortening
 - 103 Aquatic William
 - 106 Apathetic
 - 107 Like a cucumber?
 - 108 Overweight
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 - 112 Used a dressing room
 - 114 Compass pt.
 - 116 Abbr. used in bank
 - 118 Tail --
 - 119 "My --" get
 - 121 Lolly
 - 122 French river
 - 123 Tardy
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 - 126 Sound
 - 129 Pleasant odor
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Proof of no racial slurs doesn't exonerate Texaco

BY MICHAEL KELLY

There is a ritual, so familiar it would be tedious if it were not so horrid, to the way it goes these days with accusations of racially insensitive speech. The terrible charge is leveled. The accused attempts, feebly, to defend himself. He says he never said what is alleged, or that he was trying to make a joke, or that he didn't mean it, or that his words were taken out of context, or that it is unfair to destroy a person's life over a single utterance. His breath is, of course, wasted. The guardians of these things demand severe punishment, and severe punishment is meted out — generally, the sinner is banished from decent society, although sometimes he is allowed to remain in a limited role following re-education (traditionally in the form of a special episode of "Nightline") and expiation (again, traditionally, with Larry King). Also, generally, at a certain point in the proceedings, Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton and Kweisi Mfume appear and demand large amounts of cash and/or jobs from whatever white institution has the misfortune to be associated with the miscreant. The institution ponies up, announces it is hiring a diversity consultant and grovels.

As I say, there is a certain predictability to the script. But the case of Texaco breaks new ground. Here we have finally arrived: Even proving that the accused did not utter the offending remark turns out to be no defense. To be accused of having said the thing is enough. One man's "nigger" is another man's "Nicholas." To briefly recap: On Nov. 4, a front-page story in *The New York Times* by Kurt Eichenwald informed the world that senior executives of Texaco Inc. had "bantered comfortably among themselves" in an August 1994 meeting, "planning the destruction of documents demanded in a Federal discrimination lawsuit and belittling the company's minority employees with racial epithets." The *Times* based this accusation on a tape recording of the meeting secretly made by one of the participants, Richard A. Lundwall. The *Times* said that the tape revealed Robert Ulrich, then Texaco's treasurer, referring to black employees who had filed a racial discrimination suit against Texaco as "black jelly beans," and "in a sentence laced with expletives... complaining how 'niggers' had caused difficulties." The story also said that the tape captured both Lundwall and Ulrich discussing their desire to destroy documents that could prove damaging to Texaco in the discrimination lawsuit.

The claim that Texaco executives had

been recorded uttering racial epithets was instantly accepted by many readers, including Peter I. Biju, Texaco's chairman. Within hours of the story's appearance, Biju issued a statement condemning his former employees for "the rank insensitivity demonstrated in the taped remarks reported in today's *New York Times*." The *Times* kept up the heat. Apparently untroubled by any concerns for due process or civil liberties in the case of an unproven accusation, the paper issued an editorial stating as a fact that senior executives, including "Ulrich, freely deride black employees as 'niggers,' and 'black jelly beans,'" and demanding that Texaco "make an example of all those who uttered racist comments at the meeting." Over the course of the next several days, the *Times* ran prominent follow-up stories repeating the accusation over and over. "Senior Texaco executives can be heard referring to minority employees as 'black jelly beans,' and 'niggers,'" Eichenwald wrote in a typical passage on Nov. 5. End of Act 1.

On Nov. 5, the Leadership Conference of Civil Rights asked the federal government to join the suit against Texaco; on Nov. 6, the company announced that Ulrich and Lundwall, both retired, would have their retirement benefits denied them, and that two current Texaco executives who took part in the offending conversation had been suspended. Also, the company hired A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., a former appeals court judge who has gone into the race consulting line. On Nov. 7, the NAACP called for a Justice Department investigation into Texaco for possible violation of federal civil rights laws. On Nov. 10, the *Times* ran an article by Eichenwald, "THE TWO FACES OF TEXACO," that repeated the accusation that Ulrich had been "caught... deriding black employees as 'niggers,'" and that assured readers that "documents... indicate that Texaco has a long way to go in promoting members of minority groups and in assuring that its workplace is free of hurtful racism." The first piece of evidence to this effect cited by Eichenwald: "African-Americans make up some 12 percent of the United States population, but of the 873 executives at Texaco who make more than \$106,000 annually, only six — or 0.7 percent — are black." (Asked how many black *Times* employees made more than \$106,000 per year, and what percentage this number constituted of the total number of *Times* employees making more than \$106,000, *Times* spokeswoman Nancy Nielsen said, "that kind of personnel information is internal." Eichenwald responded by saying, "I don't know; you'd have to ask public affairs," and then went into a furious

off-the-record tirade.) End of Act 2.

On Nov. 11, Eichenwald reported in a front-page story that made only some editions of the *Times* that an expert analysis of the infamous tape recording had shown that no Texaco executive had said the word "nigger." Ulrich, in complaining about multiculturalism in the corporate world, had said, "I'm still struggling with Hanukkah, and now we have Kwanzaa. I mean, I lost Christmas. Poor St. Nicholas, they shitted all over his beard." Ulrich's "Nicholas" had appeared to some ears as "nigger," but, Eichenwald acknowledged, rather delicately, it was now clear that this was "an aural illusion." As for the black jelly beans, it turned out Ulrich had been referring to an analogy taught to him by, of all people, a diversity trainer previously hired by Texaco: "I've heard this diversity thing, we don't have black jelly beans and green." In short, while the tape does catch Texaco executives talking about destroying damaging papers in the discrimination case, it simply did not demonstrate racism. End of Act 3.

Epilogue: Everything continued exactly on script. On Nov. 13, Jesse Jackson led a call for a national boycott of Texaco. Kweisi Mfume explained that it was actually worse than no one had said "nigger": "The pain from these new words ought to run even deeper than before: for those who feel it, because the intent runs even deeper... The pain is still there, the intent is still there, even if the word 'nigger' is not." On Nov. 15, Texaco settled its discrimination suit for \$176 million. Jackson said the boycott would continue.

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Hiss' reason for treason no reason to doubt his guilt

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Anchorman Peter Jennings concluded his elegiac obituary of Alger Hiss on "ABC Evening News" Nov. 16 by noting Boris Yeltsin had declared that nothing in KGB files branded the former State Department official a Soviet espionage agent. The problem is that the Russian president never said any such thing.

The source of this misinformation might have been a dispatch by Agence France Presse claiming Yeltsin "recently said secret KGB files confirmed that Hiss never worked for the Soviets." AFP possibly was confused by a statement supposedly clearing Hiss from the late Gen. Dmitri Volkogonov, military historian and sometime Yeltsin adviser. But Volkogonov recanted by admitting he had not inspected files of Soviet military intelligence, where Whitaker Chambers said he and Hiss were employed.

Other obituaries did not go as far as Jennings' toward a pro-Hiss spin, but the prevailing tone suggested that here was an unsolved riddle of the Cold War. Allen Weinstein, whose 1978 book *Perjury* conclusively found Hiss guilty, told me this was "exoneration by obituary."

That is ironic considering the new evidence substantiating Chambers' accusations that he and Hiss were secret agents: from Communist spy Noel Field's confession that Hiss was his key accomplice to the National Security Agency's decryptions identifying Hiss as Soviet agent "Ales."

Why then, 50 years after the event, is there deep-seated reluctance within the American liberal establishment to acknowledge that Hiss was a liar, spy and traitor?

The answer is in the corollaries to Hiss' guilt: Joe McCarthy, for all his excesses, had a point. Freshman Rep. Richard Nixon performed a signal service in pursuing Hiss. The New Deal harbored Communists and even traitors in high places.

To accept Hiss' guilt implies an acceptance of Chambers' description of the New Deal (in *Witness*, his 1952 account of the Hiss case): "It was a revolution by bookkeeping and lawmaking. In so far as it was successful, the power of politics had replaced the power of business. This is the basic power shift of all the revolutions of our time...."

Chambers wrote that Hiss could not be separated from the New Deal and liberalism. Nixon, to his dying day, believed the dominant political culture never forgave him for uncovering Hiss.

Liberal historian Walter LaFeber contends, "It was the Hiss trial... that triggered the McCarthy era." To McCarthy-ites, he continues, Hiss became the symbol for an establishment "that had sold the nation out."

Thus, disregarding all new evidence, LaFeber concludes that the question of Hiss' guilt or innocence "is like the argument over who started the Cold War — it's going to go on forever." This stance from a supposedly serious historian of the Cold War links continued defense of Hiss to revisionist analysis of Soviet intentions.

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan is one liberal intellectual with no doubts about Hiss' guilt — and a theory about why the best and the brightest betray their country.

In his new book, *Miles to Go: A Personal History of Social Policy*, Moynihan notes that the United States suffered through brutal alternation of booms and busts between 1890 and 1945, climaxed by the Depression and 25 percent unemployment.

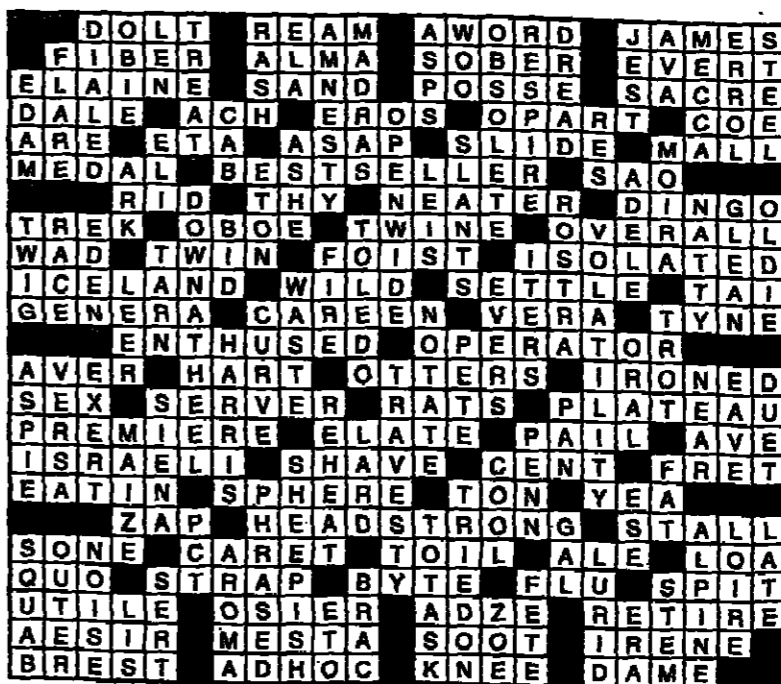
Since the Employment Act of 1946, there has been stability (reason enough, the senator says, to oppose a balanced budget constitutional amendment). But Hiss and his colleagues had witnessed the failure of capitalism and their own New Deal, and they turned to Moscow.

Moynihan expounded this theory to me the day it was announced that the CIA's Harold Nicholson had been arrested for giving secrets to the Kremlin, as Hiss did. Unlike Hiss and like Aldrich Ames, Nicholson did it for money, not ideology.

But Alger Hiss' idealistic base for his treason is no reason to persist in unfounded doubts about his guilt. It is surely no reason to confuse matters with manufactured assessments by Boris Yeltsin.

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Jean-Paul and Simone down on the old kibbutz

THERE AND THEN
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TWO months before the Six Day War, Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir visited Israel at the invitation of *New Outlook*, the English-language publication of the Mapam party. As with everywhere else they had traveled, they were introduced to eminent local intellectuals of many hues, and leftist university students flocked to hear Sartre speaking. They asked interminable questions. Everybody agreed they were keen observers.

However, it was the kibbutz which fascinated them, writes Amie Cohen-Solal in her detailed biography of Sartre which is now available in Hebrew (Dvir publishing house, 572 pp.). The kibbutz they conceived as Socialism-Made-True. They spent three days at Merhavva, where Meir Ya'ari, Mapam's old man, had lived. They avowed they were impressed. But de Beauvoir wondered whether children suffered because they were not raised in their parents' home.

They were equally impressed by Egypt, they visited before coming to Israel. Sartre had a long meeting with Nasser, who he subsequently declared, "was not what he seemed to be, as seen from Europe." And, at the final press conference, Sartre unexpectedly declared that Nasser had achieved true socialism in his country.

Sartre's love affair with Marxism began after he was freed from a prisoner-of-war camp, following France's defeat. The initiative came from the illegal Communists who became ostensibly nationalistic following the German assault on the Soviet Union. Until then, they treated him just as a "decadent, pessimistic, petit-bourgeois" writer - as he emerges in *La Nausée* - who owed his release to friends in the Vichy regime; and as a semi-collaborator who had agreed to write - on *Moby Dick* - in a collaborator-literary journal.

But at the end of 1942 the picture was clear, the Communists maintained they were appealing to all enemies of Germany, working to free France from German yoke.

For the extreme left, Sartre was invaluable. He had already won a name as philosopher, novelist and playwright. His impact on radical-minded young intellectuals even increased after the war, when the existentialism he professed became the most fashionable philosophical tenet. He was very outspoken in his political utterances. He blindly blamed the US for all the evils of the world, and refused to visit it in spite of numerous invitations by university students.

But he traveled extensively all over the Communist-controlled world and South America, where his lectures always attracted huge audiences, while embarrassing the French diplomats with his intemperate references to local issues.

Between 1962 and 1966, Sartre traveled at least nine times to the USSR - some of these visits lasted several weeks. Some of his writings were translated into Russian, and Sartre was able to get his dues only if he spent the money in Moscow. He had some official business too, being deputy chairman of the Moscow-based Marxist Writers' Association. But he also tried to encounter some dissident friends whom he could not address openly from abroad without endangering their status with the authorities.

He was not naive or naive, asserts professor Cohen-Solal. He had clear visions, whether tackling Bandelaire and Flaubert, or discussing current events with Khrushchev or Tito - whose kind of Marxism, incidentally, he preferred to the official creed of the Soviets. The French Communist party interested him only as a means to achieve a goal befitting his own concept.

"He remained always on the outside, on the brink of political organizations," asserts Cohen-Solal. He raised his voice in favor of Russian Jews who wished to emigrate. He published Yevushenko's epoch-making poem "Babi Yar" in *Les Temps Modernes*. He knew of the danger faced by people in the Soviet Union who met him, and boldly dedicated the Russian translation of his masterpiece *Les Mots* "To Madame Z" - obviously, Lena Zolina, the interpreter who accompanied him, and probably his lover.

It was, Cohen-Solal explains, a warning to the authorities that he, Sartre, was protecting her.

Indeed, the Communists did not trust him. The head of the French Communist party, on hearing that Sartre and de Beauvoir were going to see Khrushchev, warned the Soviet leader that they were "dangerous anti-Communists, albeit that they consider themselves left-wingers." And Khrushchev, welcoming his guests at his summer home in the Caucasus, called them, to their faces, "Emissaries of imperialism." Despite this, he granted them the right to sit at his table "because they opposed war."

The mistake that most intellectuals make is thinking they can lead the politicians to work for a better world. Invariably, it is the politician who will use the intellectual.



Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir on their 1967 visit to Israel.

Amazing new parenting concept: stricter discipline

ABOUT a year ago, Mary Ellis recalls, her six teenagers - three children and three stepchildren - were out of control. Then, Ellis and her husband decided to stop putting up with it. They set and enforced curfews, assigned chores, meted out stronger punishments, and demanded to be treated with respect.

The new approach is working, Ellis says; the teenagers' behavior and grades have improved dramatically.

Recently, the Gaithersburg, Maryland, librarian met the man who inspired her to change her ways: psychologist John Rosemond, whose books and newspaper columns urge parents to be stricter. He was in Frederick, Maryland, delivering a series of speeches attended by hundreds of parents. At each break in the program, dozens of them crowded around him, sharing stories about their children.

"Now they're a tremendous success," Ellis told Rosemond as he nodded and scribbled his signature in one of his books she'd just purchased. "They treat me like a queen. It's a pleasure to be with them."

Rosemond is one of a growing number of educators and psychologists spreading a get-tough message that is resonating with many parents. These experts contend that many baby-boomer parents are so concerned with building youngsters' self-esteem, protecting them from stress, and making them partners in the family, that they are raising a generation of selfish, ill-mannered, troubled children.

"I have seen children upbraid their parents for not serving them well or quickly enough," wrote Brown University education professor William Damon in his book on the subject. "I have observed children insulting, cursing, yelling at or even threatening their parents. When I mention such inci-

dents to colleagues, they do not strike anyone as remarkable or surprising."

The solution, according to Damon and others, is to establish clear and consistent rules, crack down strongly on misbehavior, and stop trying to get your child to agree with every decision you make. Some of the specialists say that a child of grade-school age sometimes should be sent to his room for the day and that parents should not rule out spanking.

For years, religious conservatives have advocated a return to stricter discipline, but this latest group of disciplinarians is reaching a wider audience. Books criticizing lax parents are crowding bookstore shelves, including *Damon's Greater Expectations: Overcoming the Culture of Indulgence in America's Homes and Schools*; family therapist Elizabeth Ellis's *Raising a Responsible Child: How Parents Can Avoid Indulging Too Much and Rescuing Too Often*; and *Spotted Rotten: Today's Children and How to Change Them*, by former telecommunications salesman Fred Gosman.

Lecturers such as Gosman make hundreds of speeches a year to teachers, corporations, PTAs and other parent groups. On television, Judy Sheindlin, a retired family-court judge in Manhattan, preaches firmer parenting on her syndicated show *Judge Judy*, seen in Washington and across the US. In *McCall's* magazine, parenting columnist Ron Taffel urges readers to stop bargaining and reasoning so much with their children, and to tell them more often: "Because I'm the parent, that's why."

But the message that parents are being too indulgent concerns some psychologists and pediatricians. Some of the advocates of stricter parenting "almost sound like the children are the enemy," says Edith Lawrence, a family

therapist and associate professor of psychology at the University of Virginia. She worries that parents will adopt so many rigid rules and punishments that their children will be afraid to talk to them.

Punishments as harsh as confining a child to his room for the day are "absurd," says pediatrician and parenting guru T. Berry Brazelton. Those measures "cause over-reactions that don't teach them a thing."

Rosemond, 48, who sells about 130,000 books a year, and whose column appears in 200 newspapers, is among the most outspoken of those urging parents to reassert their authority. In his books and speeches, the former family therapist from Gastonia, North Carolina, rails against child-rearing experts who he says have caused parents to worry too much about their children's feelings.

"Stop trying to resolve everything with your child," he told parents in one of his speeches in Frederick, which were sponsored by the local school system and Frederick Memorial Hospital. "Stop trying to have a wonderful relationship with your child... A good relationship is out at the end of the road. It is not, in most cases, today."

Leaders in the movement for more discipline cite research showing that permissive parenting is downright harmful to children. Temple University psychologist professor Laurence Steinberg, for example, surveyed 20,000 teenagers and hundreds of parents and educators nationwide. His study, published earlier this year in his book *Beyond the Classroom*, found that children raised by parents who were "authoritative" - combining warmth with strictness - were less likely to use drugs or alcohol, and did better in school than children from permissive homes, or children from "authoritarian" homes, where parents ruled with an iron hand.

(The Washington Post)

Turkey's young Sabbateans want to make Israel their home

AUBREY ROSS

THE Donmeh of Turkey, descendants of the followers of false messiah Shabbetai Zevi, live the quiet life of a sect that's officially Moslem, though it follows many of the traditions of Judaism.

Some of its younger members, however, want to emigrate to Israel.

Ilgaz Zolu, a 27-year-old accountant, doesn't believe Shabbetai Zevi was the true messiah. Still, he sees him as a symbol of liberation.

Zolu fears the Donmeh might dwindle unless their Jewishness is recognized. He cites his people's adherence to customs like Sabbath observance, and claims a distant relationship to former president Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. Zolu and a group of other young Turks are trying to make their claim to Israeli citizenship a human-rights issue.

Turkish Jews have always enjoyed full democratic rights, but the position of the 60,000 followers of Shabbetai Zevi, known as Sabbateans, has been tenuous. The Turks call them Donmeh, a derogatory term for converts. Their Moslem faith is generally not thought to be wholly sincere, while the Jewish community regards them as heretics.

That lack of respect and status is why Zolu wants to emigrate and be accepted as a Jew.

The Donmeh trace their roots to Salonika in 1666, when Shabbetai Zevi began his messianic campaign. Even among themselves, there's little agreement on what makes a true Donmeh, and they're divided into three groups, each with its own customs.

The oldest and largest, the Kapanji, claim to be the direct descendants of Shabbetai Zevi, and they broadly follow Jewish practices in circumcision, Sabbath observance and marriage. They believe Shabbetai Zevi was the messiah.

The Jacoubi follow the teachings of Jacob Querido, Shabbetai Zevi's brother-in-law, and the Karakash are adherents of Baruch Russo, who they believe to be Shabbetai Zevi's reincarnation. These two groups deviate from the Kapanji in two distinct ways. First, they believe Shabbetai Zevi was the incarnation of God. More colorfully, they observe an annual fertility rite intended to speed Shabbetai Zevi's return, at which they eat lamb, chant psalms and swap partners. The wife-swapping is supposed to mirror the injudicious union of David and Bathsheba.

It was these practices that led to the sect's rejection by the rabbis of Salonika in 1926 and their move to Turkey. Salonikan Jewry eventually perished in the Holocaust, while the Donmeh survived in Turkey.

Shabbetai Zevi was born in Smyrna, Turkey, in 1626, the son of a prosperous textile merchant. From an early age, he showed great promise as a rabbinical student and mystic, enjoying a growing reputation in his late teens for spiritual depth and learning. He was, however, subject to mood swings.

And, of course, he thought he was the messiah. That led Shabbetai Zevi to strange behavior. He ate the thigh-vein of a cow - forbidden by Halacha until the advent of the messiah - and went to see the renowned mystic, Rabbi Nathan, who he hoped could exorcise his belief in his messianic mission.

In fact, Nathan declared that Shabbetai Zevi was, indeed, the messiah. A proclamation was made and thousands of European Jews put up their houses for sale and set out for the promised land.

Shabbetai Zevi set out for Turkey to reclaim Palestine for the Jews. In the event, he converted to Islam. Many Jews saw in the apostasy an expression of the chapter from Isaiah that speaks of a messiah racked in pain, shunned and avoided by mankind. Most of Shabbetai Zevi's followers deserted him, but many stayed true to him. Their descendants make up the 60,000 Donmeh.

Islamic fundamentalism has made things tough for the Donmeh. Still, Zolu attends a Sabbatean Kabbalistic college in the recesses of Istanbul



An engraving of Shabbetai Zevi from 1669 that is believed to be the only portrait done from life of the man who many believed was the Messiah.

(Encyclopedia Judaica)

and weekly dissertations on Jewish mysticism at Sabbath meetings of the Karakash group.

Zolu and his people are shunned by the Jews of Istanbul. Some Turkish journalists accuse the Donmeh of being members of the Mossad.

Those adverse living conditions give young Sabbateans a different perspective from their elders, who are happy to wait until Shabbetai Zevi's scheduled return in 2000, when they expect him to redeem them as Moses did the Jews of Egypt.

Sacrificing lives for products

FOR those involved in the struggle for an elimination of cruel practices that affect animals, the road sometimes seems to go absolutely nowhere. But here and there, progress is being made, albeit slowly. For instance, the testing of chemicals used in cosmetics and some other products for toxicity to humans has long been the subject of highly charged debates about the morality of using live rabbits for this purpose.

In the standard Draize test, used for decades, and the only one adopted by the European Commission (EC), chemicals are tested by dripping them into the eyes of live rabbits and checking the degree of resulting irritation. This unquestionably causes a great amount of pain and suffering on the part of the animals that are often injured and at times blinded by these solutions.

The EC has agreed to rule out the use of the Draize test in or before 1999, if a suitable replacement not involving the use of live animals can be found - and now it looks as if there is real hope that this possibility may become a reality.

According to research done at the Dutch organization TNO in Zeist, by researcher Menk Prinsen, the use of the eyes of freshly slaughtered chickens is not only a good substitute but may even provide more accurate results than the standard and controversial Draize test.

HEADS 'N' TAILS
D'VORA BEN SHAUL

According to Prinsen's studies, the corneas of slaughtered chickens remain active for several hours after death, and since untold numbers of chickens are slaughtered for food every day in almost every major location, there is no dearth of test subjects.

Prinsen showed that the corneas of these newly slaughtered chickens, when exposed to irritants, swelled as much as 60 percent.

This can be measured by the thickness of the cornea and may prove to be more accurate than the Draize system which is totally subjective. In the Draize test, the researcher notes the degree of eye irritation, and there may be real differences in the recording of results since one researcher may class irritation as mild or moderate while another may call it severe. In the test Prinsen advocates, the degree of corneal swelling can be measured with absolute accuracy.

This, of course, is not the only suggestion on the books for the alleviation of needless animal suffering, and among other projects under consideration is the use of chick embryos from fertile eggs incubated under laboratory conditions, a system long in use in

virology and bacterial studies, and the use of artificially grown human skin, for dermatological testing.

Here there is a real problem because most dermatological tests are done by shaving or depilating laboratory animals and then exposing the denuded skin to different chemicals used in cosmetics, soaps, detergents and household cleaning products. Everyone admits that denuded animals may not produce the same results as are seen in humans and that the results vary sharply from animal to animal.

Now, it being possible to grow sizable pieces of actual uncelled-origin human skin in the laboratory (it is already being done to produce permanent skin grafts), it is possible to do dermatological tests on these laboratory-grown strips. This, researchers say, would eliminate the need to extrapolate from animal to human reactions, and would allow a standardized skin test.

So far it all seems to boil down to a question of how much the consumer will pay to protect animals from suffering and injury.

That remains to be seen, and so far it does seem that there are a lot of consumers out there in the public sector who are willing to pay more for the comfort of knowing that no animals were injured, suffered pain and distress, and were in the end destroyed to produce the products they enjoy.

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Rockets blow past Celtics

BOSTON (AP) - Matt Maloney and Charles Barkley scored 18 points each Friday night as the Houston Rockets ran their record to 14-1 by beating the Boston Celtics 120-94.

Houston never trailed and placed seven players in double figures. Hakeem Olajuwon scored 17 points and pulled down 13 rebounds while Mario Elie had eight assists to go along with 10 points.

Dino Radja had 18 points and Antoine Walker had 12 points and seven rebounds for Boston, which had its two-game winning streak snapped.

Bulls 116, Mavericks 97
Michael Jordan scored 36 points, Scottie Pippen added 32 and Dennis Rodman grabbed 19 rebounds to lead visiting Chicago to a victory over Dallas and former Bulls assistant Jim Cleamons.

Jordan hit the first shot of the game, a 3-pointer, and the Bulls were off and running. Rodman had 12 rebounds in the first quarter and Jordan 13 points as Chicago jumped to a 26-15 lead.

The Bulls ran the score to 61-42 at halftime with Jordan scoring 23 points and Pippen 18, and Chicago coasted in the second half.

76ers 100, Magic 91
Derrick Coleman scored 19 points, Jerry Stackhouse added 16 and Doug Overton gave host Philadelphia a boost off the bench.

Allen Iverson had 14 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for Philadelphia, but he was benched in favor of Overton in the third quarter when he committed five of his seven turnovers.

Nick Anderson and Gerald Wilkins each had 18 points for the Magic, who had defeated Philadelphia in eight of their last nine meetings.

Hawks 110, Bulls 81
Dikembe Mutombo scored a season-high 25 points and Mookie Blaylock hit seven 3-pointers as host Atlanta won for the fourth time in five games.

Mutombo also grabbed 15 rebounds, blocked five shots and had two steals, dominating his matchup against 7-

foot-7 Washington center Gheorge Muresan. Blaylock scored 25 points and was 7-of-11 beyond the arc, falling one short of the team record for 3-pointers in a game.

Chris Webber led the Bulls with 14 points.
Lakers 84, Pistons 76
Shaquille O'Neal scored 27 points and Eddie Jones added 20 as visiting Los Angeles defeated cold-shooting Detroit.

The Pistons twice worked the deficit down to five points, the last time on a free throw by Grant Long with 1:03 remaining. But the Lakers, who had only one basket - a 3-pointer by Jones - the rest of the way, closed it out with two free throws by O'Neal and three by Jones.

Grant Hill had 20 points for the Pistons, who shot just 34.2 percent. Joe Dumars added 16.

Timberwolves 108, Nuggets 103
Stephen Marbury scored a career-high 30 points and Tom Gugliotta added 24 as visiting Minnesota defeated Denver for the first time in 13 games.

The Timberwolves had lost to the Nuggets 12 straight times dating back to January 5, 1994.

Denver, 2-6 at home, lost its second in a row despite a career-high 34 points from Antonio McDyess.

Jazz 111, Clippers 94
John Stockton scored 28 points on 12-of-13 shooting and Jeff Hornacek scored 19, reaching the 12,000-point mark for his career, as host Utah won its ninth straight.

Karl Malone added 19 points despite sitting out the fourth quarter.
Darrick Martin, in his first start of the year, led the Clippers with 18 points. Malik Sealy added 13 and Pooh Richardson 12 as the Clippers lost their fifth straight game.

Trail Blazers 119, Warriors 93
Gary Trent scored 11 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed 10 rebounds as host Portland pulled away to beat Golden State.

Rasheed Wallace, who scored a career-high 32 in his first game against Golden State this season, had 20 points and 12 rebounds this time as Portland outscored the much smaller Warriors 50-27.

Six Blazers scored in double figures as Portland won for the sixth time in seven games to improve its November record to 10-6, its best start since 1990-91.

Latrell Sprewell scored 32, one short of his season-high, and had eight assists to lead the Warriors, who have lost five of their last six.

SuperSonics 105, Suns 92
Gary Payton scored 10 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and Shawn Kemp added 25 points and 13 rebounds as host Seattle won for the 13th time in 14 games.

Leading 78-72, the Sonics went on a 13-4 run for a 91-76 lead with 2:48 left. Craig Ehlo and Kemp had four points each in the game-deciding spur.

Five Sonics scored in double figures as they beat the Suns for the sixth straight time.

Danny Manning came off the bench and led the Suns with 18 points and 15 rebounds.

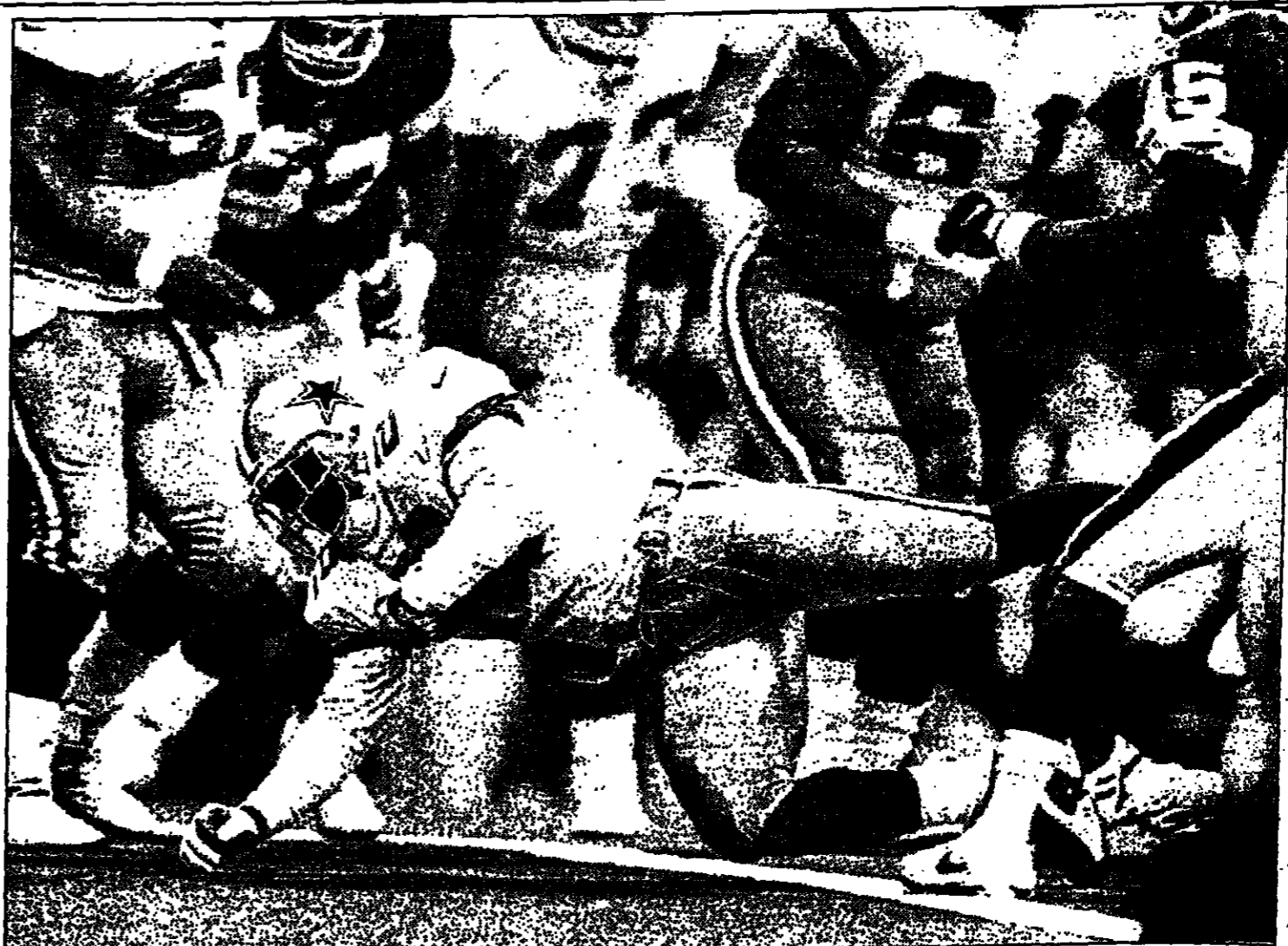
ON THURSDAY
Warriors 124, Nets 118
Latrell Sprewell made 17 of 19 free throws, including six in the last 1:19, and Joe Smith scored a season-high 30 points for host Golden State.

The Warriors have won 13 of their last 14 games against the Nets, who are 0-5 on the road this season. The win Thursday night was only Golden State's second in eight home games.

Sprewell's shooting at the line helped overcome a 4-for-16 night from the field, giving him 26 points, Ray Oves added 18 points and 11 rebounds off the bench for Golden State.

Rookie Kerry Kittles and Robert Pack scored 25 points each to lead the Nets, who had three players foul out.

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THE ORIGINAL - Dallas running back Emmitt Smith leaps into the end zone for his third touchdown of the day against Washington during fourth quarter action on Thanksgiving Day. Smith finished the game with 155 yards on 29 carries. (Rosen)

Smith returns with a vengeance as Dallas beats Washington 21-10

IRVING, Texas (AP) - What's wrong with Emmitt Smith? Absolutely nothing. Stung by the first benching of his career, Smith made the Washington Redskins pay with his best game of the year, scoring three touchdowns and gaining a season-high 155 yards Thursday.

That led Dallas past Washington 21-10 and put the Cowboys in a first-place tie with the Redskins in the NFC East.

Both Dallas and Washington are 8-5. Philadelphia is 7-5 and hosts the New York Giants (5-7) today.

Smith, benched in the fourth quarter of last Sunday's 20-6 loss to the Giants after gaining just 18 yards on 11 carries, ran like a young colt instead of someone with ankle problems. Smith didn't practice all week while resting a sore right ankle, and coach Barry Switzer was worried he might have to start Sherman Williams.

"It ticked me off all those things I heard and read," Smith said. "I told the coach I could get the job done. With the rest, it was probably the best I felt all year. I had some spring in my step and could do some slashing and cutting."

Smith, who became the 12th player in NFL history to reach the 10,000-yard plateau, scored on runs of 4 yards twice and again on a 3-yard carry.

"Emmitt told me before the game that he could play near 100 percent," Switzer said. "He said he wanted to prove something. And he did. He slashed up in there inside. It was like the Cowboys of old saddled up and running. Any question Emmitt Smith has lost it was answered today."

Smith has 108 career rushing touchdowns to move ahead of Jim Brown into third place on the NFL's career list and it within four of Marcus Allen, who took the lead Thursday with 112 by scoring

twice in Kansas City's victory over Detroit.

"I ran the ball the best I have all year long," Smith said. "Last week it was cold weather and the turf was hard and I couldn't get going. It looks like I've weathered the storm."

It didn't surprise his teammates. Defensive back Kevin Smith said "Emmitt felt all the world was against him. We knew he would come out like this."

Smith rushed 29 times against the Redskins, ranked No. 29 against the run, although he was spelled at times by Williams.

He tore off a season-long 42-yard run in the third quarter to set up his 4-yard scoring run, and gained 55 of the 77 yards of the drive that put the Cowboys ahead 14-10. Then he gained 25 yards on a 65-yard run to put the game away, scoring his third touchdown with 7:49 to play.

Dallas running back coach Joe Brodsky said it was incredible how some people thought Smith's career was waning.

"It was so ludicrous to say he was washed up it was bordering on stupidity," said Brodsky, who muttered sarcastically "he's washed up, the guy's washed up" as he walked past the media.

Washington coach Norv Turner said he was worried about facing an inspired Smith.

"He's one of the greatest competitors you're going to be around," Turner said. "When somebody told me Emmitt had a problem I expected to see a special effort out of him. That's what happened."

Linebacker Ken Harvey said he didn't believe Smith was on the downside of his career.

"I didn't believe what people were saying about him," Harvey said. "He proved today that he's still a good player. I've faced him a lot over the years and he didn't

look any different to me."

The Cowboys ended the longest scoring drought in franchise history with 2:03 left in the first half on Smith's 4-yard TD. It was the first time the Cowboys had scored in 30 consecutive possessions spanning 10 quarters.

The TD came after linebacker Fred Strickland recovered a fumble on the Washington 33. It came on a fumbled center exchange between center Jeff Uhlenhake and quarterback Gus Ferrote.

So, despite minus-seven yards passing the Cowboys led at intermission 7-3. Troy Aikman was just 4 of 11 for 10 yards and was sacked twice by Ken Harvey for 17 yards in losses.

But Washington came back on the first series of the second half to take a 10-7 lead on Ferrote's 20-yard touchdown pass to Leslie Shepherd.

The Cowboys had to convert a fourth-and-1 at the Washington 24 on Aikman's quarterback sneak to keep the drive alive. Brian Walker interfered with Herschel Walker at the Washington 4 and Smith scored on the next play.

Earlier, Larry Allen's holding penalty nullified a 25-yard touchdown pass from Aikman to Kelvin Martin.

Washington's Scott Blanton, who earlier had a 40-yard field goal attempt blocked, kicked a 21-yard just before halftime for the Redskins.

Washington lost wide receiver Michael Westbrook in the first quarter with a bruised kneecap, and Shepherd went out in the series following his touchdown with a sprained ankle. Defensive tackle Sean Gilbert went out with a knee injury in the fourth quarter.

The Cowboys lost twice last year to Washington, but the Redskins have never beaten Dallas on Thanksgiving Day. They are 0-5 against the Cowboys on the holiday.

Aikman hit only 9 of 19 passes for 63 yards while Ferrote was 17 of 33 for 175 yards.

"We've got Washington in the last game of the season and it will probably decide things," Aikman said. "But we had to have this win first. It was a big one."

Washington 0 3 7 0 -10
Dallas 0 7 7 7 -21

Second Quarter
Dal-E-Smith 4 run (Bonior kick), 12:57
Was-FG Blanton 21, 14:37

Third Quarter
Was-Sheridan 26 pass from Ferrote (Blanton kick), 4:35
Dal-E-Smith 4 run (Bonior kick), 7:51
Dal-E-Smith 3 run (Bonior kick), 8:11
A-64,955.

First downs 13 19
Rushing yards 164 49-80
Passing 163 46
Punt Returns 2-4 4-26
Kickoff Returns 4-91 3-37
Interceptions 1-0 1-0
Comp-Att-Int 17-33-2 9-19
Sacked-Yards Lost 2-12 2-34
Fumbles-Lost 6-0-0 8-0-0
Penalties-Yards 4-30 7-58
Time of Possession 23:25 36:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING-Washington, Allen 12-94
Mitchell 2-12, Ferrote 1-0, Logan 1-0
Dallas, E-Smith 29-155, S Williams 13-48
Johnson 2-1, Aikman 4-68-111

PASSING-Washington, Ferrote 17-33-2-175, Dallas, Aikman 9-19-1-63
RECEIVING-Washington, Asher 4-65
Shepherd 4-46, Groves 3-41, Mitchell 3-17, Logan 2-0, Ellard 1-16, Dallas, K Williams 2-22, Johnson 2-11, E-Smith 2-9, Martin 1-10, Bjornson 1-6, Irvin 1-4

MISSED FIELD GOALS-Washington, Blanton 4 (Bk)

NBA Leaders (Through Nov. 29)

Scoring	G	FG	FT	Pct	Avg
Jordan, Chi.	15	182	84	47%	31.2
Malone, Utah	13	120	36	29.2	24.6
Olajuwon, Hou.	12	112	77	30%	25.1
O'Neal, L.A.	17	179	86	42%	24.9
Sprewell, G.S.	15	110	107	38%	24.8
Kemp, Min.	17	138	81	31%	22.2
Gugliotta, Min.	14	108	89	31%	22.2
Baker, Mil.	15	118	58	29%	21.7
Richmond, Sac.	15	114	72	32%	21.5
Payton, Sea.	13	120	86	35%	21.4
Stoudemire, Tor.	12	91	42	25%	21.3
Earley, N.Y.	13	88	78	27%	21.2
Hill, Det.	13	96	78	27%	21.1
Robinson, Mil.	14	115	51	21%	21.1
Miller, Ind.	13	90	60	27%	20.8

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
Atlanta	7	11	0.388	2	7-3	Won 6	3-2	2-1	8-4
Orlando	7	9	0.438	2	7-3	Won 1	3-3	5-2	4-3
New York	7	9	0.438	2	6-4	Lost 3	3-3	5-2	4-3
Washington	7	7	0.500	3 1/2	5-5	Lost 1	4-4	3-3	5-6
Philadelphia	8	8	0.500	3 1/2	6-2	Won 1	3-3	5-2	5-6
Boston	4	9	0.308	8	3-7	Lost 1	4-4	0-3	2-6
New Jersey	2	9	0.182	7	2-8	Lost 3	2-4	0-6	0-6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Streak	Home	Away	Conf
Houston	14	1	0.933	-	9-1	Won 8	7-1	7-0	12-1
Utah	11	4	0.731	-	6-4	Won 5	5-1	5-4	9-2
Portland	9	5	0.643	-	5-5	Won 2	5-1	5-4	6-6
Dallas	9	11	0.450	3 1/2	3-7	Lost 2	2-5	3-6	3-6
San Antonio	4	10	0.286	8 1/2	3-7	Lost 1	3-4	1-6	3-3
Vancouver	2	14	0.125	12 1/2	2-8	Lost 3	2-6	0-8	2-6

Agassi opts out of Australian Open and top 10

MELBOURNE (Reuters) - U.S. tennis star Andre Agassi is likely to drop out of the world's top 10 after deciding not to play next year's Australian Open grand slam event, Australian tennis officials said on Friday.

Agassi, who won the tournament in 1995, has decided he needs a break from tennis and will begin his 1997 campaign after the January 13-26 Australia Open, tournament director Paul McNamee said in a statement.

World No. 8 Agassi will however play in the International Tennis Federation's \$6 million Grand Slam Cup in Munich from December 2-8.

Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) spokesman Steve Casey told reporters he thought Agassi would probably drop out of the top 10 after missing the Australian Open but warned the 26-year-old from Las Vegas would bounce back quickly.

"When his confidence drops off so does his form, but I'm sure he'll be back," Casey said. "It's a pattern in his career that, whenever he has poor form, he comes back and is absolutely unbeatatable."

Agassi, the gold medalist at this year's Atlanta Olympic Games, has won just two matches since losing to compatriot Michael Chang in the semifinals of the U.S. Open in August.

Last week he withdrew midway through the ATP's year-ending World Championship in Hanover with a stomach upset and cold.

He had earlier been fined \$50,000 for failing to attend two pre-event functions and was booted off the court after his straight sets loss to world No. 1 Pete Sampras in the opening match of the tournament.

McNamee later told reporters he thought Agassi would have agonized over his decision not to come to Australia and play in the season's opening grand slam tournament.

"For Andre, the last thing he wanted (was) to miss a grand slam tournament but, if you look at his results, he has been struggling since the U.S. Open," McNamee said.

"There are certain times in a player's career where he has to bite the bullet. Obviously he wants to take a break to get his game back together," he said.

"I'm encouraged that Andre considers this to be one-off and intends to be back in 1998," he said. Agassi has played in only two Australian Opens. After winning the tournament in his first appearance in 1995, Agassi was beaten by Chang in the semifinals this year.

Germany's Boris Becker and Monica Seles of the U.S. have both said they will return in 1997 to defend their titles.

Study: More gain, less pain

EXERCISE may feel uncomfortable, but it seems to provide its own pain relief afterward.

Studies of healthy people and those afflicted with chronic pain find that exercise raises the threshold at which people were bothered by pain.

In one new study, even a single exercise session had an effect. After exercising, people were slower to notice pain and seemed able to bear more of it.

The process is known as exercise-induced analgesia, said researcher Kelli F. Koltyan, an assistant professor in the University of Florida's exercise science department.

"If the body is exposed to pain, it kicks into gear," she said. Koltyan and her colleagues studied 16 people with an average age of 29. All had a finger squeezed for two minutes by a device that delivered what Koltyan described as "a dull aching."

"The best analogy is to put a finger in a door and apply pressure to that door," Koltyan said. Before getting their fingers squeezed, some participants sat 30 minutes in a soundproofed room while others rode an exercise bike

how the body adapts to pain. But other researchers indicate the pain-exercise connection may result from an increase in endorphins, the body's natural painkillers.

"The theoretical view is that exercise results in increased endorphins," said sport psychologist William P. Morgan of the University of Wisconsin. "If that's true, then the pain threshold should increase and pain should decrease. And I think that's what they demonstrate."

It's already known that exercise helps people live with the chronic pain of arthritis, said Teresa J. Brady, director of chronic disease services for Fairview Health System in Minneapolis.

Endorphins may be responsible, but another explanation could be that exercise strengthens tissue that protects the joints, said researcher Marian Minor, an associate professor of physical therapy at the University of Missouri.

"We have found in rheumatoid and osteoarthritis, exercise is consistently the most effective treatment to manage and reduce pain," she said.

Although everyone in the study felt less pain after exercise than after the quiet time, some people still felt pain more than others, Koltyan said.

The study also did not examine

Playoff-bound Broncos angle for home-field advantage, first-round bye

DENVER (AP) - Denver's John Elway, one of the NFL's masters at using the clock, has played the season like time is running out on him.

Having one of the best years of his 14 in the league, Elway has the opportunity to put his team into a better position for the NFL playoffs with a victory today against the Seattle Seahawks.

The Broncos can not only win their division today, they also can earn a first-round bye in the playoffs and homefield advantage throughout the postseason.

"Our goal since summer camp was to win the AFC West," said Denver coach Mike Shanahan, whose Broncos have only lost a three-point decision to Kansas City in their 11-1 season so far. "We're going to take first things first. All I know is we play a team that beat us in our backyard last year, so we've got something to prove."

Last Dec. 10, Denver jumped out to a 20-0 lead, but Seattle rallied for 21 fourth-quarter points in a 31-27 win. The Broncos haven't lost at home since, posting six straight wins.

A victory today would give the Broncos the AFC West title. A win combined with a loss by Pittsburgh (which plays at Baltimore) would earn the Broncos a first-round bye. Denver also could earn a bye with a win if Buffalo and New England both lose. Finally, the Broncos would earn homefield advantage with a win and with losses by Buffalo and Pittsburgh.

In other games today, it's Arizona at Minnesota, Buffalo at Indianapolis, Chicago at Green Bay, Cincinnati at Jacksonville, New York Giants at Philadelphia, Tampa Bay at Carolina, Houston at the New York Jets, Miami at Oakland, St. Louis at New Orleans, and New England at San Diego.

Tomorrow night, San Francisco plays at Atlanta.

In Thursday's action, Kansas City beat Detroit 28-24, and Dallas turned back Washington 21-10.

With Elway leading the way, and Terrell Davis leading the NFL in rushing with 1,277 yards, the Broncos have already clinched a playoff spot. A 17-14 loss at Kansas City in the fourth week of the season is the only blemish

on their record. The Broncos lead the NFL in total offense (390 yards per game), rushing (158) and run defense (78).

"I'm a big John Elway fan other than when we play them," said Seattle coach Dennis Erickson, whose team is 5-7. "He's just special. I've watched every game they've played this year, and he really is having an amazing year."

"He's doing the things he's always done and is making plays like he always has. There was a throw against Oakland when he's almost on his back and gets the ball to Shannon Sharpe. The emergence of their running game really helps him, too."

While the Broncos have a chance to immediately clear up their status in the standings, three other divisional races look like they might go down to the end before anything is decided.

Buffalo (9-3) has a one-game lead over New England (8-4) in the AFC East. San Francisco (9-3) the same over Carolina (8-4) in the NFC West, and Philadelphia (7-5) has a chance to tie both Dallas (8-5) and Washington (8-5) for first in the NFC East with a victory over the Giants today.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE											NATIONAL CONFERENCE													
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div	
Buffalo	9	3	0	.750	257	202	6-1-0	3-2-0	5-3-0	4-0-0	4-2-0	Dallas	8	5	0	.615	254	201	5-2-0	3-3-0	1-2-0	7-3-0	4-2-0	
New England	8	4	0	.667	310	282	5-2-0	3-2-0	7-3-0	1-1-0	5-2-0	Washington	8	5	0	.615	291	261	4-3-0	4-2-0	3-1-0	5-4-0	3-3-0	3-0-0
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	219	264	4-2-0	2-4-0	4-5-0	2-1-0	3-4-0	Philadelphia	7	6	0	.538	278	285	3-3-0	3-3-0	3-1-0	6-4-0	3-0-0	3-0-0
Miami	6	6	0	.500	278	249	3-3-0	3-3-0	5-2-0	1-2-0	4-2-0	Arizona	6	6	0	.500	231</							

Betar Jerusalem stays on top with home victory

Tel Aviv derby ends in scoreless draw - Hap. Taiba, Hap. Beersheba, Bnei Yehuda, Hap. Haifa, Mac. Herzliya win

PORTUNE smiled on the National League leaders Betar Jerusalem yesterday as they pulled off a narrow 2-1 victory at Teddy Stadium against Hapoel Kfar Sava. The Sharon side were far from tame opponents and the majority of the 10,000 spectators breathed sighs of relief when the final whistle was blown.

Hapoel Petah Tikva kept within one point of the Betarists as they scored in four goals against Hapoel Taiba at Taiba's new home ground in Umm el-Fahm.

In recognition of Betar's dominance this campaign national team coach Shlomo Scharf announced over the weekend that he intends to call another two of their players into the squad for the forthcoming match against Luxembourg - goalkeeper Itzik Kornfein and defender Shmuelik Levy.

The Tel Aviv derby played before a miserable attendance of 6,000 souls ended in a goalless draw. There were hardly any Hapoel supporters in evidence to see Moshe Sina'i's unfancied outfit match their arch rivals for most of a rather dull game. Hopefully this result will prevent any repetition of the recent threats of violence made against Sina'i.

Maccabi coach Avraham Grant may live to rue a result which leaves the champions ten points adrift of Betar. Unless Grant can revive his side's form quickly the Tel Avivians will no longer be viable challengers for the title.

Two goals from Bnei Yehuda's Alon Mizrahi were enough to sink his former club Maccabi Haifa. The greens fell to eighth position, overtaken by neighbors Hapoel Haifa who beat relegation-strugglers Hapoel Beit She'an.

A quick glance at the latest National League standings confirms that Maccabi Tel Aviv and Maccabi Haifa, the two sides that have dominated the local game over the last decade, are clearly on the wane. It remains to be seen what lasting effect this serious

shift in the balance of power is likely to have both at European and international level.

Betar Jerusalem 2, Hap. Kfar Sava 1
This Betar performance bore little resemblance to the excellent displays demonstrated in rounds 9 and 10. The Jerusalemites have to thank goalkeeper Itzik Kornfein and poor finishing by Kfar Sava for these particular three points.

Gabi Spir and Yaniv Abarjil opened brightly as the visitors controlled the early running. Betar's first serious opportunity came in the 29th minute when Stefan Saloi, who beat Erwin Seizinger only to see the ball cleared off the line by Kfar Sava's Gabor Marton.

Assi Tubi then tested Kornfein but the Jerusalem goalkeeper stood firm. Betar's first goal came from Itzik Zohar who drove a spinning free kick from 25 meters past a five-man wall into the far left corner of Seizinger's net.

Zohar then struck again in the 57th minute from the penalty spot after Seizinger had illegally dived at the feet of Saloi bringing the Hungarian international crashing to the ground.

Kfar Sava fought hard to rescine the situation and pressure brought its reward with a penalty at the other end awarded in a near identical situation as Kornfein felled Abarjil. Marton's weak penalty kick was easily collected by Kornfein to the joy of the home support.

Kornfein demonstrated why he is figuring in the plans of Shlomo Scharf as he denied Tubi then Abarjil in the same move with two brave reflex saves.

Tubi finally scored in the final minute of the game, running at his marker and beating him on the edge of the box. Tubi then guided the ball goalwards low and hard beyond Kornfein.

Maccabi TA 0, Hapoel TA 0
A gutsy performance by Hapoel was the only element of note in this drab Tel Aviv derby.

Maccabi had the lion's share of possession but lacked both the creativity and determination needed to break down Hapoel's defenses.

Eyal Ben-Ami and Igor Pogodin both exposed the Maccabi back line in the first half as they each struck shots at goal, while at the other end Shavit Elimelech pulled off a tantalizing save

to deny Eli Driki in the 31st minute.

Ofer Mizrahi and Nir Sevilia had half chances to score for Maccabi in the second half, but a serious injustice would have been committed had the home side ended with more than a point from this game.

Hap. Taiba 2, Hap. Petah Tikva 4
Taiba's misfortunes were taken to new heights at their new home from home in Umm el-Fahm yesterday as 8,000 fans saw Petah Tikva have all the luck in a nevertheless convincing display. Amir Kakkonen registered Petah Tikva's first strike in the 21st minute when he headed home after Taiba's keeper Mickey Dahan miscastulered his advance to the ball. Eli Abarbanel added a second ten minutes later from a free kick and Avi Fletcher made it 3-0 in the 37th minute when his free kick caught a deflection in the wall.

Abarbanel added his second to make it 4-0 for the visitors on 55 minutes when he again caught Dahan off guard and slotted home comfortably. Petah Tikva slackened off the pace a little after the break and allowed Taiba a little more room in the center of the park.

The home side took advantage of the situation and began to show they can play constructive football. Moti Yeverbaum, who moved from Hapoel Kfar Sava last week, was one of Taiba's most constructive players and reduced the arrears with a headed goal in the 67th minute off a Babajir Uda cross.

Uda set up a Nassim Aghbaria header ten minutes from time, but by now it was too late for the hosts to think of salvaging anything more than a little pride. The situation at Taiba is very serious and the future of Polish coach Wojtek Laszark now appears to be very uncertain.

Hap. Beersheba 3, Ironi Rishon 0
Beersheba have already consolidated their place at the top of the standings, but yesterday they showed that they are worthy of their place with a very convincing win over Rishon LeZion.

Beersheba finally broke through in the 16th minute through Liron Bessis after having gone close several times earlier on. Shai Holtzman set up Bessis's powerful shot with a low cross. Holtzman then made no more concessions as he scored twice in the

DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

23rd and 38th minutes.

Beersheba continued to pressure Rishon in the first half and had some more chances, but they calmed down considerably after the break and were happy to sit on their lead.

Mac. PT 1, Zafirim Holon 1
Maccabi were reduced to ten men before half an hour had gone by when Ofer Shitrit was shown the red card by referee Amit Klein for elbowing a Holon defender.

The goals came much later in the match. The first substitute Guy Yizhak put Petah Tikva in the lead in the 54th minute, just two minutes after coming on. Holon's substitute David Peretz made the score 1-1 nine minutes from time with header.

Bnei Yehuda 2, Mac. Haifa 1
Haifa were hoping for a good result in this match in order to keep their title hopes more or less alive.

They were given a boost when Amir Turjeman put them ahead with a close-range fumbled goal in the 21st minute.

But Bnei Yehuda were not rattled by the early concession and Alon Mizrahi in top form equalized on the half hour. In the second half, Mizrahi put Avi Tikva through and the latter named the ball but was adjudged offside by referee Yizhak Ben-Yizhak.

The same two players were involved in Bnei Yehuda's second goal, however, when Tikva was fouled in the area in the 64th minute and Mizrahi made no mistake with the penalty. Haifa were clearly demoralized by Bnei Yehuda's goal and appeared resigned to their fate. They will now need a small miracle if they are to realistically get back into the title hunt.

Hap. Haifa 2, Hap. Beit She'an 1
The red part of Haifa was in the mood for celebrations yesterday as

they notched up their fourth consecutive win, but it was only after a few late scares.

Ofer Talker put Haifa in the lead two minutes before the end of the first half with a low header and Hisham Zoabi added a second soon after the restart as Haifa looked to be cruising. But a late sending off for Nir Socher when he picked up his second yellow card, and a goal in the 83rd minute by Sarjan Suljkovic for Beit She'an made the end of the match a real thriller.

Haifa decided to ride out the last few minutes mainly in defense, but they did not bargain for six minutes of injury time added on by referee Arik Haimowitz, who in so doing allowed for several Beit She'an attacks which luckily for the hosts were not converted.

Mac. Herzliya 1, Hap. Jerusalem 0
The visitors played the better football throughout despite missing three key players through suspension: influential veteran midfielder Michel Dayan who began a three match ban and Ehud Gola and Yaniv Avrahami.

Herzliya, who have rediscovered their winning ways since Shyve Feigenbaum took over as coach two weeks ago, had several chances to score and eventually found a way to put the ball away when Sahar Mizrahi netted from close range in the 43rd minute.

The result has eased Herzliya's relegation fears substantially, while Jerusalem will begin to worry, after their excellent start to the season they are starting to drop back to the place everybody expected to find them throughout the season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts.
Betar Jerusalem	11	9	2	0	24	6	18	29
Hapoel Petah Tikva	11	8	1	2	26	12	14	28
Hapoel Beersheba	11	8	0	3	17	7	10	24
Maccabi Petah Tikva	11	6	2	3	14	10	4	20
Bnei Yehuda	11	6	2	3	15	14	1	20
Maccabi Tel Aviv	11	5	4	2	17	14	3	19
Hapoel Haifa	11	5	3	4	19	16	3	18
Maccabi Haifa	11	5	3	4	18	14	4	18
Hapoel Kfar Sava	11	4	1	6	9	11	-2	13
Hapoel Jerusalem	11	4	1	6	10	14	-4	13
Maccabi Herzliya	11	3	1	7	5	11	-6	10
Ironi Rishon LeZion	11	3	1	7	12	24	-12	10
Zafirim Holon	11	2	3	6	7	13	-6	9
Hapoel Tel Aviv	11	2	3	6	6	12	-6	9
Hapoel Taiba	11	3	0	8	9	20	-11	9
Hapoel Beit She'an	11	1	3	7	7	12	-5	6

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Dif.	Pts.
Hakoah Ramat Gan	10	7	2	1	22	7	15	23
Hapoel Ashdod	10	7	0	3	15	8	7	21
Hapoel Bat Yam	10	5	3	2	17	8	9	18
Maccabi Netanya	10	5	2	3	16	13	3	17
Ironi Ashdod	10	4	5	1	13	10	3	17
Hapoel Ramat Gan	10	4	4	2	12	6	6	16
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	10	4	4	2	10	10	0	16
Maccabi Kfar Kana	10	4	2	4	10	16	-6	14
Betar Tel Aviv	10	3	4	3	12	13	-1	13
Ness Ziona	10	3	3	4	12	10	2	12
Hapoel Ashdod	10	3	3	4	15	11	-2	12
Maccabi Acre	10	3	3	4	9	11	-2	12
Maccabi Yavne	10	3	0	7	8	17	-9	9
Hapoel Hadera	10	1	4	5	7	13	-6	7
Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	10	1	4	5	7	16	-9	7
Maccabi Jaffa	10	0	3	7	9	18	-9	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Maccabi Petah Tikva	(0) 1	Zafirim Holon	(0) 1
Guy Yizhak, 54		David Peretz, 83	
Hapoel Haifa	(1) 2	Hapoel Beit She'an	(0) 1
Ofer Talker, 43		Sarjan Suljkovic, 83	
Hisham Zubi, 49		Hapoel Tel Aviv	(0) 0
Hapoel Beersheba	(0) 3	Hapoel Jerusalem	(0) 0
Liron Bessis, 16		Maccabi Herzliya	(0) 0
Shai Holtzman, 23, 28		Hapoel Tel Aviv	(0) 0
Maccabi Haifa	(1) 1	Hapoel Kfar Sava	(0) 1
Maccabi Tel Aviv	(0) 0	Assi Tubi, 90	
Betar Jerusalem	(1) 2	Maccabi Haifa	(1) 1
Itzik Zohar, 34, 57 (pen.)		Amir Turjeman, 21	
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Alon Mizrahi, 30, 65 (pen.)		Moti Kalkon, 21	
Hapoel Taiba	(0) 2	Eli Abarbanel, 31, 56	
Moti Yeverbaum, 67		Avi Fletcher, 37	
Nassim Aghbaria, 80			

SECOND DIVISION

Maccabi Acre	1	Maccabi Kfar Kana	0
Hapoel Ashdod	4	Maccabi Netanya	0
Hapoel Ramat Gan	1	Hapoel Kiryat Shmona	1
Ness Ziona	0	Hapoel Ashdod	2
Maccabi Yavne	0	Hapoel Bat Yam	0
Hapoel Hadera	0	Hakoah Ramat Gan	1
Maccabi Kiryat Gat	1	Ironi Ashdod	1
Betar Tel Aviv	1		

This week's winning Sportoto line: X,1,1,1,X,1,1,2,1,1,2,2,X,X
This week's winning Toto Plus line: X,1,1,1,X,1,X,2,X,1,1,X,X
Winning Tototote numbers: 1, 15, 16, 20, 25, 28, 33.

Arsenal beats Newcastle, heads table

LONDON (AP) - Ian Wright's second-half goal for Arsenal, with his club playing a man short since early in the match, defeated Newcastle 2-1 yesterday as the Gunners moved into first place ahead of the Magpies in the Premier League.

The victory sent 36,500 fans at Newcastle's St. James' Park home disappointed as the Gunners picked up 31 points, two more than Newcastle with 29.

Lee Dixon put Arsenal ahead in the 11th minute on a cross from Wright. Ten minutes later, Alan Shearer equalized on a header - the seventh straight game in which he's scored - after a perfect cross from France's David Ginola.

A minute later, it looked like Arsenal was doomed to lose when captain Tony Adams was sent off on a controversial red card for pulling Shearer down just outside the box.

Playing without injured goalkeeper David Seaman and Dutch international midfielder Dennis Bergkamp, Arsenal still managed the winning goal in the 60th when Wright scored off the ball from Paul Merson. It was Wright's league-leading 19th goal of the season.

The victory gave Arsenal 31 points to 29 for Newcastle. Liverpool, which plays at Tottenham tomorrow, stayed in third place with 28 points - the same total as Wimbledon.

Wimbledon played its 17th straight game without a loss in a 1-0 victory over last-place Nottingham Forest on Robbie Earle's winner in the 37th.

Everton and Manchester United each picked up victories to garner 26 points. Chelsea - with 24 points - can move ahead of those two clubs with a victory over Leeds today.

In Scotland's Premier Division, Celtic settled for a 2-2 draw with Hearts. A victory would have moved Celtic into first place on goal difference ahead of Rangers.

Aston Villa 1, Middlesbrough 0 (2-0)
Aston Villa stayed in touch of the leaders - moving to 24 points with the victory - seven behind leading Arsenal - as Dwight Yorke of Trinidad and Tobago scored on a penalty in the 39th. Stimping Middlesbrough played without Brazilian midfielder Emerson, who was out on a suspension.



GOAL! - Arsenal's Lee Dixon heads the ball past Newcastle's Pavel Srnicsek to take the lead at St. James Park yesterday. Arsenal went on to win the game 2-1 and climb to the top of the table. (Reuters)

Blackburn 2, Southampton 1 (1-0)
Blackburn played its fourth straight game without a loss behind a goal by Tim Sherwood in the 27th and the winner by Chris Sutton in the 87th. Egil Osenstad scored in the 61st for Southampton. Blackburn, the league champions in 1994-95, has 12 points, just ahead of Coventry with 10 and last-place Nottingham Forest with nine.

Derby 2, Coventry 1 (1-1)
Recently promoted Derby, which has now picked up 10 points of a possible 12 in the last four games, won the match on a goal by Ashley Ward in the 79th. Derby's Aljosha Asanovic opened the scoring on a penalty in the 12th, but Coventry's Dion Dublin evened in the 43rd. Coventry has just 10 points and is lodged in 19th place in the 20-team league.

Everton 1, Sunderland 3 (0-0)
Sunderland, another club promoted this season, handed Everton its first loss in nine matches on two late goals.

goals by Michael Bridges. Craig Russell put Sunderland head 1-0 in the 54th, but Duncan Ferguson equalized for Everton in the 64th. Sunderland then put the match away with Bridges' two goals (74th and 87th). Sunderland has 17 points and Everton has 23.

Man. Utd 3, Leicester 1 (0-0)
Manchester United made up for a mid-week loss to Leicester in a League Cup match with two late goals by Nicky Butt. This time Manchester United, which played mid-week without regulars like Eric Cantona and goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, was at full strength. Butt beat American international goalkeeper Casey Keller in the 75th and teammate Ole Gunnar Solskjaer made it 2-0 in the 85th. Butt scored again in the 87th and Neil Lennon got Leicester's only goal in second-half injury time.

Sheffield Wed. 0, West Ham 0 (0-0)
Sheffield Wednesday moved to 21 points with the draw - its six consecutive game without a loss. The run includes five draws against struggling sides Blackburn, Coventry, Southampton, Sunderland and West Ham - and a win over last-place Nottingham Forest. It was West Ham's fourth straight draw.

Wimbledon 1, Notts Forest 0 (1-0)
Wimbledon has now gone 17 straight games without a loss.

Nottingham Forest - last in the league - has only one victory in 15 games and looks more and more likely to be relegated to the First Division.

Robbie Earle scored the winner in the 37th as the Demons moved into fourth place behind Liverpool.

Klusener rips through Indian batting

CALCUTTA (Reuters) - South African debutant Lance Klusener struck three times to leave India struggling at 59 for four wickets in their second innings on the fourth day of the second test yesterday.

Chasing a target of 467 runs, the India middle-order once again collapsed as Klusener bowled an inspiring spell, claiming three wickets in his 13 overs.

Klusener, dismissed opener Nayan Mongia and Sanjay Ganguly in a space of four deliveries. V.V.S. Laxman, who was sent ahead of Mohammad Azharuddin was also bowled by Klusener for one.

India started slowly and their three top-order batsmen left in quick succession with only 27 runs on board.

India still needs 408 runs to win, with only six wickets intact.

ON FRIDAY
Mohammad Azharuddin stroked the joint fourth fastest Test century but even his brilliant innings could not stop South Africa from

retaining control of the Test.

Azharuddin, who had to retire hurt the previous day, reached three figures in 74 deliveries on his way to 109 as India recovered from their overnight 152 for six to make 329 all out - 99 behind on first innings.

South Africa first innings 428
India first innings 32
South Africa second innings (overnight 180-1)
A. Hudson retired hurt - 133
G. Kirsten b Smith - 3
U. Singh c Dravid b Smith - 2
D. Cullinan not out - 133
H. Cronje c and b Kumble - 34
E. Makhaya not out - 17
Extras (b-11 w-1 nb-2) - 15
Total (2 wickets down, 85.2 overs) - 387
Did not bat: L. Klusener, D. Richardson, P. Symcox, A. Donald, P. Kallis
Fall of wickets: 1-36 2-85 3-308
Bowling: Smith 24.2-2-101-1 (1nb), Prasad 15-0-53-0 (1nb), Jasti 11-1-50-0, Kumble 32-4-101-1 (1w), Hameed 11-1-40-0.

India second innings
N. Mongia c Cullinan b Klusener - 8
S. Ganguly c Richardson b Klusener - 0
S. Tendulkar c Kirsten b Symcox - 2
V.V.S. Laxman b Klusener - 1
M. Azharuddin not out - 26
Extras (b-6) - 26
Total (for four wickets) - 89
Fall of wickets: 1-17 2-18 3-27 4-28
Bowling (no date): Makhaya 10-6-8-4, Klusener 13-4-13-3 (1nb), George 7-4-10-0, Symcox 6-1-29-1.

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Erlich wins tourney

EYAL Erlich won the Masters event of the four-week tennis satellite which ended on Friday in Beersheba. Erlich, seeded second in this final leg, upset the top seed Raviv Weidenfeld.

The score was 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. In the final of the first leg of the satellite in Ramat Hasharon, Erlich had also beaten Weidenfeld while Weidenfeld won the second stage in Jaffa. Heather Chait

NHL SCOREBOARD

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
W	L	T	Pts	GF GA	
Florida	15	3	6	36	75 47
New Jersey	12	9	1	25	58 58
Washington	12	11	1	22	67 64
Philadelphia	12	12	1	22	62 69
N.Y. Rangers	9	13	4	22	84 78
N.Y. Islanders	6	9	8	20	58 64
Tampa Bay	7	13	2	16	83 71
Northwest Division					
W	L	T	Pts	GF GA	
Buffalo	12	11	1	25	88 67
Hartford	10	7	5	25	83 67
Montreal	10	11	4	24	91 61
Boston	9	9	4	22	66 71
Ottawa	7	9	6	20	57 64
Pittsburgh	13	13	1	16	87 83
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Central Division					
W	L	T	Pts	GF GA	
Dallas	15	3	1	31	58 29
Detroit	14	8	3	27	75 47
St. Louis	13	11	0	26	75 72
Chicago	11	12	3	25	66 64
Toronto	10	14	0	20	72 84
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Pacific Division					
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Vancouver	13	10	2	28	72 71
Los Angeles	10	11	3	23	64 75
Calgary	10	13	2	22	66 69

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Now it's up to the consumer WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - After a month-long celebration of the economy and the elections, investors are depending on the American holiday shopper to ensure a happy New Year without a hangover.

The Conference Board research group, meanwhile, reported that consumer confidence about present conditions is at the highest levels in seven years, and the University of Michigan reported that consumer sentiment is on the rise.

LONDON (Reuters) - Strength in gilt and continental bourses helped push UK shares higher on Friday, though the market was trading below its best levels of the day ahead of Wall Street's truncated post-Thanksgiving session.

FTSE rises 7.8 points WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

TOKYO - Gains racked up on the Stock Exchange in the morning session melted away by the end of the day as profit-taking and position squaring weighed on the market in the afternoon.

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Mutual Funds table with columns for Fund Name, Assets, and YTD Return.

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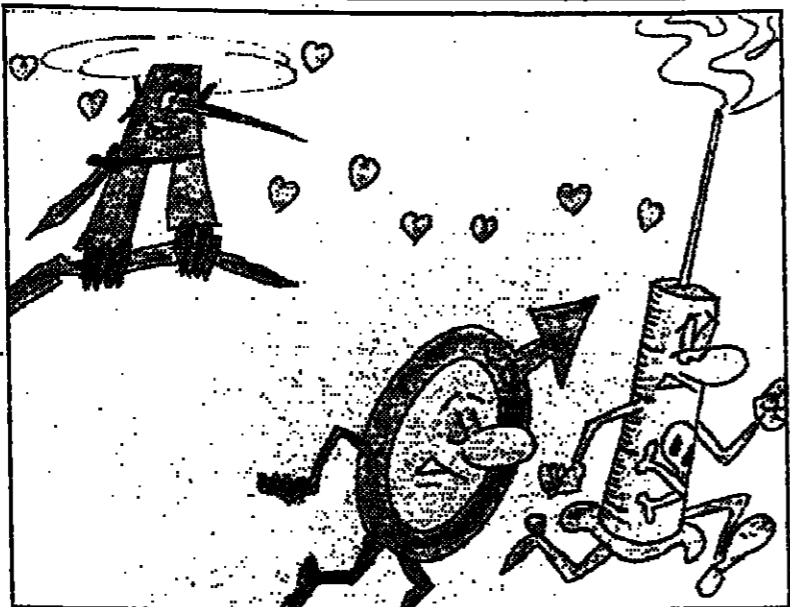
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

EITAN Globerson, the assistant conductor of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, conducts his first full subscription series with the orchestra tonight through Thursday, except Tuesday, at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30 p.m.). The program features Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin and Schubert's Fifth Symphony, while Russian-born, Italian-based pianist Boris Petrushansky plays Rachmaninoff's Third Piano Concerto.



Various TV programs highlight International AIDS Awareness Day. (Photo: Dan Landau)

ENTERTAINMENT

HELEN KAYE

WOMEN! December is your month in Haifa, with Women's December through the end of the month with some 170 artists appearing at 35 locations in some 75 events. There's theater, music, movies, symposiums, exhibitions, and entertainment with big names like Ruby Porat-Shoval, Hanna Laszlo and Dudu Dotan... yes, we know he's a man but he's snuck in with The Only Man. The opening event is a concert by the Atlas Camera, conducted by Dalila Atlas, at City Hall tomorrow at 8:30 p.m. Entrance free.

DANCE

HELEN KAYE

CHAMBER dance is for small spaces and large minds. Chamber-dance guru Amos Hertz stands behind the eighth Chamber Dance Festival which continues with Reshit, created and danced by Shulamit Yaron, and Interpretations, danced by Bety Schechter and Anat Shamgar. At ZOA House at 8:30 p.m. The program will repeat at Gerard Behar in Jerusalem on Thursday at the same time.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

AT the Jerusalem Khan, new artistic director Ofira Henig has directed Howard Barker's Scenes from an Execution, called Anna Galactia in Hebrew.

Anna (Gitta Monte in the role of her life) is an artist. The state has hired her to paint a picture commemorating the Baile de Lepanto. But she and the state, not to mention her lover and her daughters, don't exactly see eye to eye on the way she chooses to paint. Tonight and through Thursday at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

TODAY is International AIDS Awareness Day, and most channels have special line-ups for this occasion. The Discovery Channel is screening several documentary reports about AIDS in Israel. Especially promising is One Foot on a Banana Peel and One in the Grave at 8 p.m., which exposes the macabre humor developed by the patients of a New York AIDS clinic in order to withstand despair and the loss of friends.

Channel 3's Blah Blah, at 9:15 p.m., devotes its entire program to the subject. And on the Movie Channel at 9 p.m., Eagle Scout follows the story of a 17-year-old who reveals he has AIDS. Movies about the disease include Zero Patient, a bizarre post-modern musical about the first Western AIDS patient, tonight at 10; and Longtime Companion, one of the first movies made about AIDS, is on Channel 1 tonight at 8:45. An Israeli film, Nagua ("Touched"), about homosexuals who wander the parks, is on Channel 2 at 1:35 a.m. And Closing Numbers, a British film about a housewife who discovers that her husband has been sleeping with different men and must therefore face the fact that she might have the disease, is on the Movie Channel at 10 p.m.

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CHANNEL 1

6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Art and Architecture in Jerusalem 8:30 Family Relations 9:00 Geography 9:20 Nature 9:30 English 9:45 Programs for children 10:10 They Simply Said No 10:15 Stories from Life 10:45 Looking at Arithmetic 11:10 English 11:35 Seven in Heaven 12:00 Mathematics 12:15 Mathematics in Daily Life 12:30 Social Studies 12:00 The Circus Line 12:40 Soccer Train 14:25 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:45 Gays, Gal and Gill 15:00 Pretty Buttery

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Tinytown Tales 15:50 The Adventures of Dodo 16:00 The Mysterious Island 16:25 Gingi 16:45 Super Ben 16:55 Zap to Zionism 16:59 New Evening 17:34 Zap to Improvisations 18:10 Time for Language

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:15 News in English 18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio 19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:15 Flash 19:31 Champs 20:00 News 20:45 Longtime Companion (1990) - one of the first films to deal with AIDS, this amusing movie - one of a slew of programs marking International AIDS Day - follows the lives of two homosexual couples from 1981, when AIDS was first mentioned in the media. With Bruce Davison and Mary-Louise Parker. (25 mins.) 22:00 World Soccer 23:30 News 00:00 Verse of the Day

CHANNEL 2

13:00 Genie and the Captain 13:30 Scoobydoo 14:00 Echo Plot 14:30 Tic Tac 15:00 Yogi's Gang 15:30 Dave's World 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 Sister Sister 18:00 Senora 19:00 Changes - miniseries 20:00 News 20:30 Dudu Topaz 22:00 Chicago Hope 22:57 Murder One 00:00 News 00:05 Documentary Box

CHANNEL 2

15:30 Wonder Years 16:00 Heart of the Matter 16:30 A Matter of Time - program about AIDS 17:00 Zombi 17:35 Wild Life in Russia 18:00 Cyberspace 18:30 The Next Step 19:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 20:00 An Evening 20:30 Destinies 21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:45 The Cruel Sea (1953) - WWII Battle of the Atlantic. One considered one of the greatest war movies. With Jack Hawkins and Denholm Elliott. Directed by Charles Frennd. (121 mins.) 23:45 The European Miracle

CHANNEL 3

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Dallas (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:10 Burke's Law 15:00 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Third Rock from the Sun 21:15 The Single Guy 21:40 Jag 22:30 Law and Order 22:30 The Law 00:00 Silk Stalkings 1:20 North of 60

CHANNEL 4

11:30 The Switch (1992) - an injured man invents a machine to help him live. (81 mins.) 13:10 Divorcee (1

World AIDS Day marked today

Israel has 1,452 known carriers

"ONE World. One Hope," is the theme of this year's World AIDS Day. It is marked today, hinging for the first time at the hope that those infected can survive by taking a cocktail of drugs.

Since 1981, 22 million people around the world are known to have been infected by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. About eight million, including 1.5 million children, have already developed the disease, and six million have died. Some nine million children under the age of 15 have lost their parents to the fatal viral disease.

In Israel, the infection rate remains quite steady, with some 15 reported new carriers and two or three new AIDS patients a month. So far, a total of 418 Israelis have contracted AIDS (of them, 61 women), and 320 have already died.

There are 1,452 known AIDS carriers. The Health Ministry, which issued these statistics, says that along with other ministries it is trying to identify HIV carriers among the quarter of a million foreign workers in Israel.

It is also preparing an informa-

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tion campaign for stopping the spread of the disease among Ethiopian immigrants. The ministry says it aims to prevent discrimination against carriers and patients and to honor their rights and privacy.

Anyone can get a free HIV test at these eight public hospitals: Ichilov, Sheba, Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus, Kaplan, Hadassah-University in Ein Kerem, Rambam, Soroka and Ha'emek. In addition, any doctor may take a blood specimen to one of these centers for identification of a possible carrier.

Tomorrow, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza will address the Knesset plenum about AIDS. The ministry and the Israel Family Planning Association will set up an information tent in Tel Aviv's Nahalat Binjamin on Friday. There will be other association events in the Jerusalem Mall today. Free HIV tests will also be available at the Kupat Holim Clalit clinic at the Tel Aviv University campus today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m.

A conference on AIDS will be held on Wednesday at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem under the auspices of Hadassah-University Hospital, the Israel AIDS Clinical Group and Glaxo Wellcome, a pharmaceutical company.

Forty-two AIDS educators from Arab countries and the Palestinian Authority will attend a strategy session of the Jerusalem AIDS Project over the weekend to fight the spread of the disease in the area. Condoms will be handed out by AIDS Project volunteers at Ben-Gurion Airport today. They are also organizing visits by HIV carriers to schools, where they will tell pupils their personal stories and urge them to protect themselves.

A Canadian citizen, Barteru Budreau, has arrived in Israel on his way around the world to support children with AIDS. For two years, covering 55,000 kilometers, he has raised funds for this project and will reach the end of his trek in the spring. He is the guest here of the Israel AIDS Task Force.



Graves representing social welfare and public transportation projects canceled by the budget cuts are set up opposite the Prime Minister's Office Friday by activists from the Society for Protection of Nature in Israel and other Green groups protesting against the expenditure and environmental costs of the Trans-Israel highway.

Olmert trial postponed until January

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert's trial for fraud, forgery and breach of trust will be postponed until January 14, 1997, Tel Aviv District Court Judge Dr. Oded Morzik ruled on Friday, in response to a request by Olmert's lawyer. The trial had been scheduled to begin today.

The lawyer said that he had not had enough time to photocopy the thousands of documents related to the case. Olmert is charged with fraudulently raising money for the Likud's election campaign in 1988, when he was the party treasurer. Olmert allegedly formed a fictitious advertising agency, B.M.Y., which issued false invoices listing donations to the Likud as advertising and consultation fees. As a result, the party

received donations from organizations which are prohibited from contributing to the campaign. Olmert also allegedly submitted a false report to State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat so that she would give the Likud a clean bill of health for its campaign finances. This enabled the party to receive campaign funding from the government. (Itm)

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Forecast: Partly cloudy with a slight drop in temperatures.

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Berlin	05	rain
Buenos Aires	22	clear
Chicago	04	cloudy
Copenhagen	07	cloudy
Frankfurt	07	rain
Geneva	04	rain
Helsinki	07	rain
Hong Kong	21	rain
Jakarta	27	rain
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Paris	05	rain
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Stockholm	05	rain
Sydney	15	rain
Toronto	05	rain
Vienna	05	rain
Zurich	05	rain

Danny Nahmani: I don't want another 11 children

"I'm not ready to have another 11 children," Danny Nahmani, whose wife Ruti is seeking to have her eggs fertilized by him, implanted in a surrogate mother, told Channel 1 in an interview Friday night.

"I don't want to have a child in this kind of situation," Nahmani said in the interview with reporter Genia Even.

Nahmani, speaking for the first time since the Supreme Court ruled that his wife could use the frozen eggs for this purpose, said the idea that he might end up fathering another 10 children "is hard for me, it drives me mad."

Nahmani is in hiding because the police are seeking to arrest him for not making support payments to his wife.

"This [whole thing] was a real blow in our home. It created a serious crisis for Orna," he said, referring to his girlfriend. "We are trying to patch things up. Orna has been going to therapy since the ruling, and we've all been through a big shock. I'm the one taking care of the household... I'm no parasite who likes to sit at home. But I'm not happy about the prospect of the money I earn going to Ruti instead of being able to buy food for my family."

"The Supreme Court has created the potential of bringing 11 children into the world. This leaves me forever dependent on Ruti," he said.

"Would you be willing for her to have one child?" he was asked. "If Ruti agrees to a divorce and I will not have to make any financial commitments, I agree to allow her to continue with the process," he said.

However, Danny Nahmani said he was "not ready to be responsible for a child that I did not want. I hope with all my being that this process will fail, and this fertilized egg will not become a child. I hope that what the Supreme Court was not wise enough to do, the hand of God will: that no child be born." (Itm)

Police, State Attorney's Office to investigate Bengayev case

Will probe methods used for obtaining confessions

A JOINT police-State Attorney's Office inquiry into the apparently wrongful murder conviction of Elazar Bengayev, who had spent three years in jail until the Supreme Court ordered his release last week, was ordered on Friday.

Police Inspector-General Asaf Hefetz and Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair are expected today to name the person who will head the inquiry. They met on Friday and afterwards announced an inquiry would be carried out, as demanded by the court.

The Supreme Court is scheduled to rule later this month on whether to release Bengayev's roommate, who was also convicted for the 1992 murder of Shalom Cohen in Jerusalem.

Two weeks ago, police arrested three new suspects in the murder.

Bengayev's lawyer, Yair Golan, also called for the inquiry, charging that his client was coerced by police investigators into signing a confession. His roommate originally took credit for the murder in a phone conversation with his girlfriend taped by police, which makes the written confession he

made later to police stronger. Bengayev, who pleaded innocent and told a lower court that police forced him to sign the confession, was convicted of murder last year and received a life sentence.

The roommate, who was a minor at the time of the murder, received a 15-year sentence. In their confessions, both said they had broken into the apartment of Cohen, a Jerusalem beggar, to steal his money.

The inquiry will address questions the case raised regarding police dependence on confessions for many convictions, and the methods used to obtain them.

Jerusalem District Attorney's Office sources said when Bengayev's confession was received, it was clear that it had many holes in it. Bengayev, for instance, said in the confession that he broke into the apartment, while investigators noted that there were no signs of a break-in.

The investigators, however, continue to maintain that Bengayev was involved in the murder. The three new suspects are acquaintances of his, according to police sources.

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Two suspects held in Danny Katz case released

THE two suspects arrested last week on suspicion of fabricating evidence on behalf of those serving life sentences for the brutal 1982 murder of Danny Katz were released on Friday.

The two, attorney Amin Badran, of Nazareth, and Hassan Atrud, a brother of one of the five convicts, were released to house arrest. They are suspected of trying to influence a prisoner, Mehusein Aja, to sign a statement saying that someone else had confessed to the murder.

Police suspect they tried to fabricate evidence that would secure the five men's release.

The arrests followed over a month of intensive investigation by police into the new "evidence" presented by the suspects, which at first glance appeared to necessitate the reopening of the entire Katz case, which shook the nation in 1982.

Katz, a young Haifa boy, was raped and murdered. His body was found in December of that year in a wadi near the Galilee village of Sakhnin. Five Arab residents were later arrested and convicted, although to this day they protest their innocence. (Itm)

Turkish PM opposes jet upgrade deal with Israel

ANKARA (AP) - The head of Turkey's Islamic-led government has toughened his anti-Israeli stance by objecting to a project for the modernization of 54 Turkish F-4 jets by Israel, reports said Friday.

Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan ordered his ministers not to sign the \$650 million agreement with Israel, the English-language *Turkish Daily News* reported.

Turkey and Israel reached a military cooperation deal in February allowing Israeli jets to train in Turkish airspace. Erbakan had pledged to cancel it, but softened his position under pressure from Turkey's powerful military brass.

The *Hurriyet* newspaper said Erbakan slammed the jet repair plan during a defense industry

coordination meeting Tuesday, saying the contractor, Israel Aircraft Industries, was not capable of leading such a project. He also reportedly said Israel had to change its credit conditions.

The project calls for IAI to mount advanced radars, electronic warfare and navigation systems on 26 of the US-made jets in Israel. The rest would be modernized in Turkey with Israeli assistance.

According to *Hurriyet*, Erbakan's statements were criticized by Chief of Staff Gen. Ismail Hakkı Karadayi on Tuesday.

"Dear prime minister, you are acting emotionally. This project is so important for Turkish armed forces and has to be vitalized as soon as possible," *Hurriyet* quoted Karadayi as saying.